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THE SAN JUAN WAS BATTERED DOWN.

Sampson's Fleet Reduces the Fortifications of the Capital of Porto Rico.

CASTLE GUNS AND BATTERIES SILENCED.

So goes the tale in Fort de France, just across the passage from the beleaguered city San Juan. Further particulars can not be had at this hour, as communication is interrupted. But everyone here believes that Porto Rico has fallen and that Sampson has won a bloodless victory, his nine ships having escaped unscratched.

The castle soon made reply, but the firing indicated a panic within the fortification. The shot flew far to leeward, bursting harmlessly.

St. Thomas, Via Martinque, May 12—Copyright, 1898, W. R. Hearst.—Special to The News.)—Admiral Sampson has hammered the forts of San Juan de Puerto Rico to powder.

The American squadron arrived off the fated port just before daylight. Word had been sent ahead that the fortifications were to be bombarded; notice to women and children to aliens and non-combatants to quit the place and seek such safety as the outlying hills afforded.

Out of the gray of dawn there flared from the halyards of the flagship New York that signal which is to make the war with Spain memorable among battles of all mankind: "Remember the Maine!"

Then up from the waiting crews went a mighty cheer and the word went round as the great warship swung slowly up to the fighting. "Remember the Maine!"

Then the stillness was shattered by a mighty sound. The crashing thunder of a great gun broke and boomed over the quiet harbor, reverberated among the hills and told all the Antilles that Uncle Sam had begun fighting in the West Indies.

It was one of the great 12-inch guns on the Iowa which began the bombardment. "Fighting Bob" Evans was in his element at last making a heroic effort to have the Spanish tongue recognized as the court language of hades. The shell struck home on the gnarled front of Moro Castle the ancient limestone fortress which guards San Juan as its namesake stands watch over Havana.

Then the Indiana opened from its forward turret with a 13-inch projectile and the effect of the shot was like that of the famous effort of a great modern gun at Alexandria. The walls of Moro seemed to go into vapor where the immense projectiles struck. Ruined masonry and mangled corpses told of the inadequacy of the scarps and bastions of the older days to withstand the assault of modern armaments.

The heavy guns on the Iowa and Indiana spoke again, rolling out their answers with accurate, emphatic emphasis. On steamed Sampson's fleet, the monitors Puritan and Terror creeping in shore, their low freeboard presenting a small target for the forts and their 10 and 12-inch guns doing tremendous execution against the fortifications.

All eyes soon caught another signal from Admiral Sampson's flagship and cheered it as they read, "Let us have San Juan by sunset." The captains along the fighting line were encouraged to renewed endeavor by this request from the admiral, but the resistance of the Spaniards was not sufficiently heroic to stimulate the gunners to their best work. It seemed too much like a practice day at the targets. Morro fired but three shots from her heavy guns. There were but seven shots fired from the big guns of the American squadron. These left Morro castle a crumbled ruin. Her guns were mute her gunners killed or in flight.

Then began the attack on the land batteries and the fortifications about the government buildings and the palace. Here the cruisers did effective service and soon the postoffice and the palace were tumbled about the ears of the officials, the guns dismantled or abandoned. Wreck, ruin and death everywhere. The Spaniards pluckily served their guns as long as there was any hope, but their fire was slow and wild. Not a single American ship was harmed. Not an American seaman was killed or injured.

But at last accounts the city itself had not surrendered, though it was completely at Admiral Sampson's mercy. It had been deserted by the merchants and non-combatants. The foreign consuls had followed the refugees into the country and the troops were panic-stricken.

The volunteers had fled, but Gov. Machias stuck to his post, giving orders and asserting that he would die before he would surrender. A woman remained by his side. It was his daughter, Paulina, the belle of San Juan, the greatest catch in all Porto Rico. When the other women fled in yellow fear she remained. As the shells shrieked and burst, throwing the city into confusion, she was urged to go. But she elected to stay with her father. As the terror stricken volunteers rushed pell mell through the streets in disorder and leaderless she endeavored to rally them. As a last resort she urged the men to stand by the mines which have been laid under San Juan's streets and to blow the yankees into the air if they succeeded in effecting a landing. But her importunities were in vain, and the story as it told represents the Spaniards as eager to surrender before the city itself is battered down.

Battle at Cordenas.

American torpedo boat Winslow while bombarding Cordenas was fired upon by a Spanish masked battery and sustained five shots through and through. She did not sink however and was towed by a sister boat. An official report is as follows:

Key West, Fla., May 12.—Secretary of the navy: In an action in Cardenas harbor yesterday between Spanish gunboats and shore batteries and the blockading vessels the following named were killed on the torpedo boat Winslow:

Worth Bagley, ensign, U. S. N.; John Varvers, oiler; J. Denefe, fireman, first class; Elijah B. Tunnell, cabin cook.

The wounded are: J. B. Beanandou, lieutenant commanding the Winslow; Wm. Patterson, seriously, but not fatally; Daniel M. McKeon, quartermaster, first class, slightly hurt.

Dead and wounded arrived on United States ship Hudson this morning.

Dead will be buried to-day.

REMEY.

CAMP MABRY

Box of Provisions Sent To the Boys Today.

MONDAY MAY 16.

No important messages have been received from the McKinney boys in the barracks today.

A letter was received by the Courier yesterday written Saturday afternoon which included the following:

"Please publish the inclosed note written and signed by the McKinney boys to the folks at home."

The next sentence was, however, as follows.

"Owing to the fact that a free distribution of butter-milk was announced a few minutes ago, a stampede followed during which the note from the boys was lost. Must close."

This was taken as a mild hint for something to eat, but early this morning a telegram which might be construed in a similar light was received here which was as follows:

Camp Mabry, 5-16-'98,
M. G. Abernathy, McKinney.—
Send with all haste. Accept thanks.

Signed, McCarty Moore
Swan Foreman.

Arrangements had already been made for sending the boys a box of eatables today and early this eve a collection of everything, both the substantials and luxuries of the culinary line was prepared and will be shipped to the boys this evening.

The box seemed large enough to hold enough supplies to feed the boys for a month and was filled to the brim with ham, chicken, cake, pies, canned goods, knick-nacks and eatables, drinkables and smokeables of all descriptions.

The boys' favorite culinary productions, cakes and pies "like mother used to make" were there as were also numerous fancy and mysterious looking boxes tied with fancy cord and tassels and addressed in feminine chirography which was calculated to give the boys a chronic case of homesickness more prostrating than the most trying pangs of hunger. The boys have shown a disposition to be silent today and let the home folks have the day, and they have made good use of it in the boys' behalf, and the boys will doubtless enjoy the supplies immensely and keep the commodious box in which to salt down their Spanish scalps.

Manilla Surrenders.

May 14.

Madrid.—A dispatch received her today says that the arsenel at Manila has surrendered, and that the Cavite has been evacuated. It is admitted that the Spanish loss in Manilla was 300 killed and 600 wounded.

Washington.—The state department has received an official report from Curacoa which says the Spanish fleet has been sighted there. If this news is accurate the Spanish fleet is sneaking up to the west coast of Cuba, to avoid Sampson's squadron.

A Great Accomplishment.

Key West.—Cutting of the cable at Cienfugos is considered by naval experts as being the greatest accomplishment of the war, outside of Manila as it renders Blanco practically helpless. He is virtually cut out from the world now

TEXAS TROOPS.

Designation Of Various Companies Composing the Four State Regiments.

Texas quota of the president's call for 125,000 volunteers was 4,229 men. This body of men are made up into four regiments, three of infantry and one cavalry. The three infantry regiments are made of companies as follows:

First regment Texas volunteer infantry:
Company A, Houston Light Guard.
Company B, Galveston Rifles.
Company C, Emmet Rifles.
Company D, Lipscomb Rifles.
Company E, Kennedy Rifles.
Company F, Belknap Rifles.
Company G, San Antonia Zouaves.
Company H, La Grange Light guard.
Company I, Tom Campbell Rifles.
Company K, Marble Falls Guard.
Company L, Governor's Guard.
Company M, Fannin Guards.

Second regiment Texas volunteer infantry:
Company A, Mabry Guard.
Company B, Stone Fort Rifles.
Company C, Shaw Rifles.
Company D, Fort Worth Fencibles.
Company E, Trezevant Rifles.
Company F, Waco Rifles.
Company G, Joe Bailey Rifles.
Company H, Loyd Rifles.
Company K, Dallas Guard Zouaves.
Company L, Mexia Minute Men.
Company M, O'Conner Guard.

Third regiment, Texas volunteer infantry:
Company A, Longview Rifles.
Company B, Greenville Light Guard.
Company C, Greenville Rifles.
Company D, Beaumont Light Guard.
Company E, San Angelo Rifles.
Company F, Lyon's Sherman Infantry.
Company G, Hemming Guard.
Company H, Decatur Rifles.
Company I, Boggess Volunteers.
Company K, Denison Rifles.
Company L, Cleburne Rifles.
Company M, Hillsboro Rifles.

First regiment, Texas volunteer cavalry:
Troop A, Capital City Guard.
Troop B, Houston Cavalry.
Troop C, Dallas Cavalry.
Troop D, Bailey Cavalry.
Troop E, Georgetown Cavalry.
Troop F, Fort Worth Cavalry.
Troop G, Shulenburg Cavalry.
Troop H, Lane Rangers.
Troop I, San Antonio Cavalry.
Troop K, Laredo Cavalry.
Troop L, Stanley Rangers.
Troop M, Uvalde Cavalry.

By order of the governor:
A. P. Wozencraft,
Adjutant General.

OIL MILL CLOSED DOWN.

The McKinney Cotton Oil Mill Closed For the Season.

At 11 o'clock this morning the McKinney Cotton Oil Mill, one of our most substantial institutions closed its run for the season. The season just closed has been more satisfactory than any previous one. The same efficient management that have conducted the business so successfully in the past was retained and the season's run was almost free from accidents or casualties which usually go to make up a prominent feature of the expense account of such institutions. Work will begin at once towards repairing and overhauling the plant, preparatory to the next season's run, which will begin early in September next.

Don't Neglect Your Liver.
Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality always follow its use. For sale by all dealers.

Early Spanish Assassin.

Spanish treachery is as old as Spanish history.

From its very inqipiency the nation of Dons has been given to deeds of the vilest and blackest conception.

An instance of her treachery in her earlier history, shocking yet to think of, was the assassination of William, Prince of Orange, by the hired assassin of Phillip II, July 10, 1584.

William of Orange (the silent) for many years repelled Spanish barbarity from the Netherlands. In vain Phillip sent against him the ablest and most distinguished commanders of the age; in vain he endeavored to bribe him with offers of titles, offices, magnificent gifts and fortune.

Exasperated at failing to corrupt the good Prince who was one of the most admirable characters in all the history of the world Phillip published a ban against him offering any one who should kill him the pardon of all his sins, a title of nobility and 25000 gold crowns. The Prince responded to the infamous edict entitled "The Apology of the Prince of Orange" said to be one of the most terrible arraignment of tyranny ever penned. But the ban bore fruit and the great and good prince soon fell at the hand of an assassin whose heirs received the Spanish reward.

Such is the historical record of Spain throughout the past.

REBECCA'S TRIUMPH.

A Dramatic Treat By Home Artists Friday Night.

The entertainment loving people of our city enjoyed immensely, the elegant drama, "Rebecca's Triumph," presentedby home artists at the opera house Friday night.

The house was early filled with a large and appreciative audience and each member of the cast and each new feature of the program added to the interest and pleasure of the occasion as they were ably and gracefully presented. Each and every member of the dramatic personelle with perfectness of manner and gesture, unequaled eloquence and matchless grace proved themselves to be dramatic stars of unusual ability.

The music furnished throughout the entertainment was excellent and well suited for the program while the audience was kept alternating between smiles and tears. In all the entertainment was a success and our people will be more than pleased to again, at no distant date, have the pleasure of once more attending an entertainment by the "Dramatic Darlings."

DIED.

Mrs. Roemmele, aged 77, died Saturday at 3 o'clock a. m. at the home of her son, Charlie Roemmele near Woodlawn. She and her husband, who died several years ago, were among the first residents of McKinney and she has always lived in or around close to the town since its founding. The burial took place at 11 oclock Sunday morning in the Noyes cemetery, 3½ miles northeast of McKinney.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

MONDAY MAY 16.

The weather yesterday was pleasant and church services all well attended.

Miss Mandie Housman, of Van Alstyne, is visiting at Mrs. W. J. Thurman's.

Herbert Leddy left this morning on a visit to Sulphur Springs.

Weedin Franklin returned Saturday night from an extended visit to relatives at Benchley, Texas.

Richard R. Allen and wife visited the former's mother in Melissa yesterday.

Henry Foote has returned from an extensive west Texas trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stacy, Mrs. A. I. Burger and Miss Kate Burger attended foot washing near Lucas yesterday.

Friday May 20 will be decoration day at Chambersville. Eld R. C. Horn will deliver the principal address.

Invitations are out for an elocution recital to be given at the Opera house, Friday evening May 27th. by the expression class of '98 of the McKinney College.

Hon. J. R. Gough returned yesterday from a tour of surrounding counties. He is in the race with both feet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Leddy and little daughter Frances, of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. O. Leddy yesterday.

The colored population held their annual "May Meetin" at Melissa yesterday. Messrs. Henry Emerson and Dick DeArmond report an enjoyable occasion.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Nellie Pierce this afternoon.

The May term of the United States circuit court at Dallas opens today, Judge Alexander Boarman presiding, W. O. Hamilton, U. S. attorney, J. H. Finks, clerk.

County court met this mornnig. The day was spent in arranging the dockets and but very little other business was transacted. The attendance is quite general from over the country.

Calvin Pickerell, a young man working at the Wade hotel, received a telegram yesterday morning from Sherman, apprising him of the death of his sister in that city. He left at once to attend the funeral.

The following pupils of the city school received headmarks last week: In spelling, Sadie Dowell, Iva Graves, Novie Barrett and Vernie Yarbrough. In Mental philosophy, Ella Felton, Nannie Moore, Lutie Anderson, Norma Page and Midge Ferguson.

Messrs. W M. Abernathy, Cliff McDowell. Alfred Allen and Charlie Carrington, who were McKinney's delegates to the State Firemen's convention at Waco returned home Saturday night and report a great time. Messrs. Less White and Jess Atkinson. who accompanied them returned Sunday afternoon, after visiting the boys at Camp Mabry.

The decoration exercises at Cottage Hill Saturday drew out a big attendance. The people of that community have instituted the custom of annually meeting to decorate and keep in condition the graveyard. Eld. R. C. Horn delivered an address on "Voices From the Grave." Quite a number from McKinney were present.

White—McKinney.

Sunday afternoon six buggies, containing young people from Upper Rowlet community, drove to the residence of Eld. Johnson in Fairfield and secured the parson's services in adjusting a nuptial knot. The contracting parties were James White, and Miss Mattie McKinney, well known young folks of that place. Eld. Johnson very obligingly pronounced them man and wife without even requiring them to alight from the buggy and the happy young couple, accompanied by their train of well-wishing friends, continued their Journey rejoicing.

Mrs. Caskey is quite sick at her home south of town.

Capt. W. N. Bush, of near Allen, is in the city today.

Robt. Jackson of Wylie is here today.

Prof. J. H. Hill, of Celina, was in the city today.

Prof. Geo. Chance, of Princeton, is here today.

Hon. Geo. Hardin of Farmersville is in our city today.

Miss Lucile Manor, of Manor, Texas, is visiting Misses Hallie and Louise Atkinson.

John Y. Bowen of Copeville, is attending county court this week.

Constable Newt Wardlow, of Farmersville, is at county court on official business today.

Capt. J. W. Bone, who formerly resided here, died at his home in Sherman on the 12th inst.

Dr. Tyler's subject tonight will be, "The Nature of Conversion." Bible study tomorrow afternoon, "Prayer in the Life of Jesus."

Mrs. J. B. Hammock, of Ennis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lucas.

Miss Lida Parks returned to the Mary Nash College at Sherman today, after a pleasant visit to Miss Stanley Quisenberry.

Sulphur Springs is to have a May carnival and Trades Display, May 18. Excursion via S. S. & S. for $1 for round trip.

The Waddill Worsham Warriors walloped the Wilmeth Wrustlers in a championship contest on the park diamond yesterday afternoon, with a score of 14 to 8.

Mr. S. P. Brooks, foreman of the McKinney Oil Mill, is in the country today figuring on the purchase of a threshing machine.

The cemetery association meets at Mrs. T. W. Wiley's Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. R. H. Coleman, the hustling proprietor of the Plano Courier, was in the metropolis today.

Eld. and Mrs. R. C. Horn of Vineland, are guests of their daughter, Mrs. John Thomas, today.

Mrs. M. A. Fields and Miss Corrie Dulaney left today to visit relatives for a few days in Oak Cliff.

T. C. Slaughter, a prominent Prosper farmer and swine raiser, is attending to business in our city today.

Jeff Pritchett is now occupying a lucrative position with Tenison Bros., saddle and harness firm at Dallas.

Mr. J. S. Lawrence, of the law firm of Jones & Lawrence leaves today for Carlock, Tenn., in answer to a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his father. He expects to be away a month.

A horse belonging to County Clerk Walden ran away yesterday and demolished a spring wagon to which it was hitched. It started at the American express office and collided with a post in the north part of town. One of Mr. Walden's boys was driving but escaped uninjured.

Messrs. Tuck Hill, G. M. Wilson and Will Richardson have returned from Purcell, I. T., where they went with five-hundred head of yearlings from McKinney. Mr. D. W. Hill was left in charge of the cattle at the ranch.

J. M. Weems, of Farmington, received the democratic nomination for commissioner, of precinct No. 1, in the Grayson county primary election, Saturday. Mr. Weems is the father-in-law of Prof. T. W. Lanham, of Vineland, one of Collin county's most efficient teachers.

Sch ol District Election.

It is ordered by the commissioners of Collin county, that the trustees of the various school districts in the county, be and are hereby appointed and authorized to hold the trustee election, June 4, 1898. M. G. ABERNATHY, County Judge.

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SATURDAY MAY 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Kerr, of Vineland are shopping in the city today.

Miss Marcia Hoard, of Celeste, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Greer.

Sheriff Coffey, Yancy Powell and W. S. Terrell are at the Rowlett decoration exercises today.

Much wheat has been rolling into our market during the past few days.

J. H. Taylor and Jasper Hand, leading farmers, of Foncine, are in the city today.

Miss Linnet Moore, of Chambersville, is in the city today shopping.

County Supt. Shepherd has returned from a campaigning trip to Melissa.

To make your harness soft and pliable use pure neats-foot oil; we have it. Smith Bros.

"Rebecca's Triumph," so successfully introduced at the opera house last night was repeated before a large audience at the matinee this afternoon.

W. L. Nelson has returned from his farm near Melissa. He reports crops in a fairly prosperous condition.

All kinds of disinfectants at Smith Bros

S. H. Fox and E. H. Keen came in last night from a tour of west Collin interviewing the dear people.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Nale and Miss Annie Burks left this morning for a week's visit to relatives in Smithville, Texas.

Linseed oil to soak your wagon felloes in, at Smith Bros.

Sayles Coffey has written to relatives here that he was successful in trying to enlist and is now a member of Company E, first Texas regiment at Austin.

Will Abernathy, Hugh Dowell and Hugh McDonald returned last night from a very successful fishing trip at Ritter's lake. They report a catch of 100 pounds.

A few sheets of sand paper with plenty elbow grease back of it and a can of carriage paint will help the apperance of your vehicle. We have the paint and sand paper. Smith Bros.

A Vote Of Thanks.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the First Baptist church wish to extend a vote of thanks to the "Dramatic Darlings" for the benefit tendered at the opera house on last Friday evening and again at the matinee, Saturday afternoon.

We wish especially to thank Prof. W. R. Powell for his faithful and invaluable service in training and directing the company of amateurs. Also, Miss Suttle for organizing and arranging the program. We thank most heartily the musicians who filled the intervals with such harmonious melodies, in fact each and every one, who so kindly lent their time and talents to such a worthy cause; that of assisting us to complete the lovely home we are building for our pastor.

We wish to thank Mr. Crouch for the use of the stage furniture, Mr. Couch for the piano, and others for kindly assistance given, then last but not least, the generous public, which helped to make the entertainment such a pleasing success both socially and financially.

May Heaven's blessing ever surround the pathway of each "Dramatic Darling" in bounteous profusion, as we are now with the May-day blossoms, and we trust that the cares of life may fall upon each one as gently as the dews of evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office McKinney, Texas, for week ending May 13, 1898:

J W Kerby and wife to J G Staggs, 25 a C Boles sur $300

J A Moreland and wife to W Mantooth 2 a C T Clift sur $350.

W M Mantooth and wife to Wootson Mantooth 54 1-2 a C T Clift sur trade

Mrs Harriet Wilson to T B Wilson Jr etal 2 tracts Milo Jones sur $777

L W Early and wife to Jas E Davis, tract in E R Reed sur $76

D T McMinn and wife to J E Davis, tract in E B Reed sur $80

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Arrives at McKinney at 7 p. m. daily from Lebanon, Rockhill, Foncine, Prosper and Erudia.

Leaves McKinney at 1:30 p. m. daily for Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill and Roseland.
Arrives at McKinney at 6 p. m. daily from Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill, and Roseland.

Leaves McKinney at 1 p. m. daily for Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.
Arrives at McKinney at 12:30 p. m. daily from Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.

Leaves McKinney at 1 p. m. daily for Wylie and Lucas.
Arrives at McKinney at 12 m. daily from Wylie and Lucas.

R. R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound,	Cannon ball	5:21 a. m
"	No 3	9:47 a. m
"	No. 15	12:28 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:10 p. m.
"	No 4	6:20 p. m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	9:28 a. m.
Local "	2:40 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	4. 55 p. m
Local "	10. 35 a. m

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1898.

J. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Hogs are higher this morning in McKinney than they have been for four years.

A mine was exploded under the gubernatorial Crane cruiser. A court of inquiry should be appointed at once.

The National Reform Press Association meets at Omaha, Neb., June 10 and 11. An attractive program is already out.

Every populist in Old Collin should be at the county convention in Farmersville Saturday May 28. State chairman Bradley will speak on convention day and also the night before.

Attorney General Crane has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race. Does this move mean to surrender to the goldbugs? Crane said that Sayers was the goldbug candidate.

Sayers continues to lead all opposition in the democratic primaries in spite of the charge that he is being supported by goldbugs.

Col. E. S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton Growers' association, was in the Mercury office last week and stated that on July 1st. last, he went before the railroad commission at Austin and asked permission to issue an address to the farmers of Texas, urging them to plant a large acreage in corn and that the commission would make as good a rate for them to Galveston as they gave to the Kansas City people. The commission, Mr. Mayfield being present, refused absolutely to allow him to issue any such address or to guarantee a rate as low as is given the Kansas City people to Galveston. This is the commission the farmers of Texas are asked to vote for perpetuating by re-election of Mr. Mayfield. Will they do it? It matters not who may be governor or hold other state offices; it is absolutely impossible for farmers in Texas to stand such unjust discrimination and prosper. We must have that commission conducted in the interest of the people, or abolished!—Mercury.

"Greenbackism."

The senate committee knocked out the bond feature of the proposed war revenue bill and had inserted the following "Greenback" clause:

"That the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized and directed, for the purpose of meeting and defraying the expenditures made necessary by reason of the existing war against Spain, to prepare and issue on the credit of the United States of America from time to time as the same may be needed during the next financial year, United States legal tender notes to the amount of $150,000,000, which notes shall be of like denominations and of the same legal tender quality and shall be payable and redeemable and reissuable in the same manner as the $346.000,000 of such notes now outstanding, as described and mentioned in the act of May 13, 1878, said notes when first issued to be expended on the war account aforesaid and said notes shall be exempt from taxation by or under state or municipal."

Old man Johnny Wannamaker, who has spent more money electing republican national tickets than any man in the country, has come to the conclusion that the populist initiative and referendum is a good thing, and comments as follows: "I heartily approve of the idea of giving the people a veto on corrupt legislation. The movement to secure for the people direct, and immediate control over legislation shall have my support. I trust such a movement will receive the thoughtful attention of all who would improve our political and industrial conditions. I am willing to trust public questions to the intelligence and conscience of the people."

HEAVY THEFT OF GOLD.

Paris, May 11.—A package containing over 500,000 francs in securities and gold was stolen from the rear of the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad. There is no clue to the thieves.

Purified His Blood

Then the Disease That Caused Suffering Disappeared—How Hood's Sarsaparilla Cured Ulceration.

As you must cleanse the stream at the fountain, so you must purify the blood if you would cure any disease caused or promoted by impure blood, and the world's great blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this letter:

"I was taken sick with ulceration of the bowels and the prescriptions given me did not do any good. One day my mother saw a testimonial which told of some one being cured of a similar trouble by Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began taking it. In a short time I found I was gaining, and when I had taken three bottles I was entirely cured and able to resume my duties." CHARLES BROWN, South Main St., Greenville, Texas.

Be sure to decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and not buy any other.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Hood's Pills True Blood Purifier. 25c. per box.

CAMP MABRY

Interesting Letter From Marcus Johnson.

Camp Mabry, Austin, May 5.

Dear Mother:—

As I have time I will try and write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along as a United States soldier.

We arrived here safely Wednesday evening at 6:45. We were received with cheers from the first regiment and were taken up to Company E. First Regiment where we stayed for the night, and the next morning we were taken up and examined and seventeen of us stood it and seven were rejected. I stood the examination all right. I suppose you saw the list of those who were taken and rejected in the Daily Courier.

We have very good eating such as beans, beef, potatoes, coffee and bread. I have had syrup twice and you know I enjoyed it.

We will get our uniforms this evening or in the morning and we will be fixed.

We are all having a good time. I would have written before but could not get stamps because they have been so strict on us and wouldn't let us go to town.

We get up every morning at 5 o'clock and eat our breakfast and go out and drill two hours in the morning and two in the evening.

We were all sworn in for two years and if we desert and are caught we are put in the penitentiary for five years. We get to come home every six months unless there is a lot of fighting.

Our company is called the Kennedy rifles and we will never be satisfied until each of us has killed one Spaniard any how. There are eighty-four in our company; ten companies in the regiment and that makes the whole regiment 1,000 strong. You know I told you in that letter that we would move by Sunday, but I don't know yet, whether we will or not, however, I will telegraph when we leave. Our regiment will be the first to move. Well I will have to close now, as we have to go out to drill.—MARCUS H. JOHNSON.

CONTRACT LET.

Big Steel Elevator To Be Built By the Collin County Mill.

The Collin County Mill & Elevator Company have just closed a contract with a Chicago firm for the erection of a complete modern steel elevator which is to be absolutely fire proof and which is to be erected within the next six weeks.

This move on the part of this worthy institution should have a tendency to renew the confidence of the more tremulous of our people who seem to think that the country is going to the bow-wows on account of our slight unpleasantness in civilizing the Spaniards.

The new elevator will be of inestimable value to the farmers in enabling them to hold their grain with safety instead of being forced to sell at any price on account of no means of holding for a rise in the market, and the Collin Co. Mill and Elevator Company deserve the encouragement of our people for the liberal efforts put forth by them in the interest of our town and county if from no other consideration.

A Convert.

Dr. A. O. Reppeto, republican, of Port Townsend, Washington writes to Dr. C. F. Taylor, editor of the Medical World at Philadelphia:

"The government control of transportation, postal savings banks, the issuing of money by the government direct to the people, the referendum with proper limitations and many other things you set forth so ably, shall henceforth have my support."

This gentleman voted for McKinley but now has embraced populist doctrines.

Made an Assignment.

H. D. Wood, doing a grocery business on north Stonewall street, made an assignment yesterday afternoon for the benefit of creditors, naming C. W. Mattox as trustee and the following preferred creditors, all local: Mrs. T. H. King, $20; Yoakum & Vaughan, $100; Popper Bros., $125; Richter Lamm & Co. $265. —Greenville Herald.

Wm. E. Glandstone, England's greatest stateman, and a world leader, died at his home at Hawarden, England, at 5 o'clock, May 19.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Proceedings of Regular May Term Concluded Saturday May 14 1898.

The county commissioners court was in session last week and adjourned the regular term Saturday evening having finished its business. Following are some of its orders made:

Part of school district no. 88 be detached and attached to district no. 25.

W. E. Hunter allowed $248 for boarding county hands.

Boundary line between McDonald school district no 90 and Enloe district no. 110 readjusted.

Upon prayer of J. T. Dugger and 79 others, school district no. 14 was divided and Princeton school district no. 151 created. W. A. Harroldson, J. F. Smith and John Flannagan were appointed to hold election ordered for trustees.

Trustees election ordered for all school districts except district no. 90 for which J. W. Hill, Dick Howell and J. L. Tallant are appointed trustees.

School district no 152 created out of clear Lake and Backbone districts, William Campbell, John Dale and Alex Wilburne appointed to hold trustees election in said district no. 52.

Petition of John Y. Bowen and others granted to build a dam on Farmersville and Eureka road.

County Treasurer J. C. Saunders report received and approved.

Election ordered in district no. 51 to vote additional school tax.

The same as above order for district no. 4.

The same order as above for Whites Grove district. All three elections June 11.

Following constitute list of Paupers: Sarah McDonald, Charity Martin, Crate Allison, Everett Sutherland, Lena Wright, Sarah Pair, Conelius Vautine, Hiram Moody, Mary J. Adams, Mary Murrell, J. C. Buckheart, Lucy Knightingale, Mary Ann C. Frederick and William Donihoe.

Money on hand belonging to various county funds $23,530.57.

Various reports of county and precinct officers approved.

Accounts allowed.

Election ordered for school district no. 118 to vote on additional 20 cents on $100.

COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the May Term 1898. To Press Hour.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

State vs Claud Sledge, appeal from J. P. court no. 5-continued.

State vs Jake Ramsey, appeal J. P. court prec. 7, fine of $25.

State vs Jim Taylor, disturbing public worship, continued.

State vs D. N. Scott, obstructing public road, bond forfeited and capias ordered.

State vs Dove Broomfield, unlawfully injuring fence, continued.

State vs Mollie Jones, aggravated assault, trial, by jury fine $500.

State vs Matthew Click, aggravated assault and battery, continued.

State vs Eck Stevens, violating local option law, not guilty.

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State vs Phil Simonds, unlawfully carrying a pistol, plea of guilty fine $25.00

State vs Anna Mitchell, unlawfully carrying pistol, not guilt.

State vs Sam Mitchell, unlawfully carrying pistol, not guilty.

State vs Will McKinney, unlawfully carrying pistol, continued.

State vs Gaudy Mitchell, unlawfully carrying pistol, not gnilty.

State vs Everett Hollander and Ike Bingham,——, not guilty.

State vs Tobe Carroll, unlawfully selling liquor, not guilty.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since last report:

L L Elliott and Miss Ernie Stiff.

J B Eckles and Miss Lizzie Doxey.

J C Gotcher and Lula B Chapman.

O T Moss and Ella George.

G T Witson and Miss Vick Mittars.

J W White and Miss Mattie McKinney.

C T Wright and Miss Katie Coffey.

Landon P Armstrong and Miss Willie A Boren.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

SUNDAY IN CAMP MABRY.

Written Monday Morning Before the "Re-enforcements" Arrived.

Special to the Courier.

Camp Mabry, Austin, Tex., May 16.—While every day on the grounds here brings new experiences to the McKinney contingent here, and perhaps every officer and private on the grounds, Sunday brought scenes and experiences entirely new and to a great degree intensely exciting in Austin, Camp Mabry and this entire section.

There are now over 4,000 soldiers camped here and when the four regiments are on parade in the large campus, they present a sight intensely interesting. No idea of the number of troops can be drawn through mere guess from sight, for they present an appearance of a brigade of 100,000 men. Every day brings thousands of visitors to see the soldier boys who are to move on to meet the enemy, but Sunday was truly a gala day in the camps. The crowds were innumerable, but careful estimates tabulated by the buss men and ticket agents range from 12,000 to 15,000.

The officers suspended the rules of the camp and had no drilling till five o'clock on account of the crowd being too dense to admit of parades.

Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends and sweethearts were here from all parts of the state and were distributing baskets of palatable provisions, fruits, etc., in every camp on the grounds except Company E, 1st. regiment, in which the McKinney boys are camped. Company I, adjoining us had all their mothers, sisters and sweethearts present and at noon a spread that would have done credit to a Paris Cafe, was served within 20 paces of us, while we devoured our B. B. B. (beans, bacon and bread.) This was a little tough, but just a few minutes ago a telegram was received from the Courier at McKinney, stating that "grub is en route," and now the boys are rejoicing. No, there was not a soul from McKinney on the grounds Sunday except those who are mortgaged to the cause for the next two years. We suppose because there was no excursion from McKinney.

By Failing to come down Sunday our friends there missed a rare treat and the opportunity of again witnessing a like scene will doubtless never be theirs.

The boys are becoming better satisfied every day and this morning when the announcement was made public that within three days the 1st and 2nd regiments would move to New Orleans and Mobile the boys almost shouted.

They are anxious for a change of location and are in hopes that they may go to Cuba at an early date.

There has been little sickness in the camp so far and nothing more than temporary attacks of fever have been reported in the 1st regiment.

We received a few copies of the Courier Saturday and the boys went almost wild in the scramble for a copy each.

Only two or three of the McKinney soldiers had received letters from home and the papers were received with enthusiasm. Keep them coming. C. C. W.

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A letter from Marcus Johnson of the 17th inst. states that they are having a good time, that since his last letter, 14th, they have had some new eatables: peas ham and jelly. He says tell every body howdy, and all the boys and girls to write, that he has a new uncle now: "Uncle Sam," who owns him for two years and that when they go to New Orleans it will be a hot time for the Spaniards as well as New Orleans, Also that they have plenty of Doctors and will advise home folks of sick ones who will have all attention from the army surgeons.

From Klondike.

A letter has been received by relatives from R. R. Parker, dated at Lake Linderman, Alaska, May 2, 1898. Mr. Parker left Houston for Seattle about Feb. 15, and was joined March 1, by J. E. Hogan, a Houston telegraph operator, and the two embarked for Alaska. Mr. Parker writes that Mr. Hogan had just left him at Lake Linderman, on his return home, but that he (Parker) will proceed down the Yukon on his journey to the golden regions of Klondike. Lake Linderman, Mr. Parker writes, is a lovely place, 15 miles from Sheep Camp and is more like a city than any place he has touched since leaving Seattle. Everybody is quite busy cutting timber, sawing lumber and getting ready to start out with the ice. He further writes, "I can't say that I will be able to go to Lake Bennett to build my boat, as the trail is fast breaking up and if the warm weather continues we will be able to float out and down the river in about a month.

There are many ways to make money in this country and most any one can make $5.00 per day the year round.

PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

New School District — Proposed Good Templar Hall—Death of John T. Davis, Jr.

May 16, '98.

Last week's issue of The Democrat surpassed anything in the way of a weekly newspaper that we have ever read for interesting, brilliant, spicy news of all kinds.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry came over from Climax Thursday evening to take the train for McKinney where they visited relatives.

Miss Mollie Creswell, who assisted Mr. Chance in the Long Neck school during the session just closed, has gone to her home at Pike. This was as satisfactory term of school as ever taught in this district.

W. M. Erwin was in Princeton Tuesday. He made a good impression upon our people.

John K. Wilson left for Dallas Monday to enter Kings Business College.

Mrs. Cullum of Farmersville is visiting her daughters, Mesdames S. H. Guffey and W. B. McGehee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gant have another boy at their house. Arrived May 12th.

Mrs. W. R. Stinson has been quite sick during the past week.

Last Friday morning at 6 o'clock two angels bent over a dying child in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis. One was of Heaven and one of earth. One whispered "welcome" the other wept "adieu," and the young life of John T. Davis, Jr., was gone to the bosom of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

It seems strange that death should follow birth so quickly—a babe of just two years, and yet it is often thus. The head of childhood, wreathed with shiny ringlets and aureoled with golden beauty, sinks wearily upon the sodden pillow and lies in dreamless rest beneath the brambled turf.

Thus it has been and thus it will be to the end. All are God's, and he gathers his own when their fragrance is sweetest and their beauty fairest. Those that die earliest fulfill their appointed mission. Death alone reveals the immortality of love, and teaches us that, after all, heaven is not so far away. The despoiling hand that strips life's harvest fields is but the garnering minister of the skies.

At the last meeting of Commissioners court, Long Neck School District was divided The field notes for Princeton District are as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Joe Pullens land; thence east with the north boundary line of Hardin Wright survey to northeast corner; thence north to the southwest corner of Miles Rutledge's land; thence east to Sister Grove creek; thence down said creek to the south side of S. S. & S. R. R.; thence west with south line of railroad to the northwest corner of Heardville school district; thence south through N. A. Burton's land to the northwest corner of J. S. & S. D. Heards land; continuing south with the east line of Hardin Wright survey to its southeast corner; thence west with the south line of Hardin Wright survey to Tickey creek; thence up said creek to the south line of S. S. & S. R. R.; thence west with the south line of railroad to J. D. McPherson's west line; thence north with McPherson's and E. C. Barnett's west line to place beginning.

Trustees for the new district will be elected on the 1st., Saturday in June, after which plans and all necessary arrangements for building a house will be made. A subscription list has been out for several weeks, and a neat little sum of money is already promised. Mrs. Harriett Wilson of McKinney and W. J. Cavin of Dallas, have donated land south of Barnett's gin.

The latest enterprise for Princeton is the suggestion for a Good Templars Hall over the school building. This can be done with only a small additional expense. Let us have it by all means. Brethren, rally to the cause, and don't let's miss this golden opportunity to secure a permanent home for our noble order. Surely Princeton is moving to the front.

The following officers are serving Princeton Lodge I. O. G. T., this quarter: J. B. Wellman, C. T.; W. L. O'Gwin, P. C. T.; W. A. Massie, Chaplain, J. E. Flanagan, Secretary; Hattie Wilson, Ass't. Sec'y.; E. E. Flanagan, Fin. Sec'y.; Mrs. J. F. Smith, Treasurer; Chas. Wilson, Marshall; Miss Lector McPherson, D. Mar.; J. T. Dugger, Sentinel; Wylie Dugger, Guard.

Alma Wilson was recommended to the Grand Lodge to be appointed Lodge Deputy for the ensuing year.

J. B. Wellman and J. F. Smith were elected delegates and Mesdames W. R. Stinson and W. L. O'Gwin alternates to the Grand Lodge which meets in Farmerville 4th., Tuesday in July. During last quarter 39 candidates were initiated.

Mrs. A. F. Moroney returned from a visit to her son at Chambersville, Monday.

J. F. S.

The Mystery of the Blood of Christ.

To understand the mystery of the blood, it is necessary that we understand the mystery of the Christ.

The blood may be likened to a wine, pressed from grapes growing in the gardens of the Immortals, which when drank understandingly fills the soul with unutterable joy and abiding peace.

Again, it resembles a tiny seed, warmed into active life by the Sun of Righteousness, and expanding into a tree, in the shade whereof the weary pilgrim may rest and be comforted.

And yet again, it may be likened to a measure of oil placed in a temple of Beauty, and kindled by the touch of a wonderful light into a flame, which dispels the inner darkness and gives light and guidance to all around it.

The Christ is like a mighty mountain, situated in the summerland of the soul, with its base near the farther shore of a great river. The mountain has such marvelous properties that every one who who is embarked on the river, and has become possessed of a pebble like unto the pebbles that lie at the base of the mountain, is drawn by its wonderful power to a harbor of safety near by, which is known to many as the Haven of Eternal Rest.

The "masters of Israel" are invited to finish the last parable, which is purposely left incomplete, and in the light of the four parables make plain the twin mysteries. The subject is one of the grandest ever presented to the consideration of man, and should receive the most careful and prayerful attention of all who undertake to write or speak upon it. Let the people have your best thoughts.

JAMES W. THOMAS.

McKinney, Tex., April 2, 1897.

Once again, after the lapse of a little more than twelve months, this problem of problems is submitted to the consideration of the public.

Who will declare the mystery of the mountain; show how the pebble is cleft from its base, and unravel the secret of its wonderful power?

JAMES W. THOMAS.

McKinney, Tex., May 17th, '98.

MY OLD MAN.

My old man—he can't go to sea;
He ain't no sailor, an' he'll never be;
His place is home with the boys an' me,
For to light the fire in the mornin'!
An' he jest can't march with that leg of his,
Kase it's all stove up with the rheumatiz,
An' his place is here, whar the homestead is,
For to light the fire in the mornin'

They's lots 'sides him for to go an' fight,
For he's fond of peace an' his pipe at night,
An' he don't do well when he's out my sight,
So he'll light the fire in the mornin'!

Remember the Maine.

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—Capt. Duval of the United States commissary department has made a contract with local bakeries for 810,000 pounds of army crackers. This is equivalent to 30,000 barrels of flour. On each will be printed the words, "Remember the Maine."

Besides the big contract for hard bread, Capt. Duval has let a contract in this city for 28,000 gallons of vinegar.

Bryan to the Front.

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—William J. Bryan is to organize a 3rd regiment of Nebraska volunteers to tender their services to the president as soon as mustered. Gov. Holcomb today issued him a commission as colonel with authority to proceed and Mr. Bryan told the Associated Press correspondent tonight that he would accept the commission.

Both Naval Fleets Nearing Cuba,

The Great Sea Fight of the War Is Expected to Occur Within a Few Days.

Special to the Courier.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 18.-The first class battle ship, Alabama, was launched here at noon today. The craft was christened by Mary Morgan, daughter of Senator Morgan of Alabama. The work of completing the new battleship will be pushed with all possible haste.

Havana, May 18.-Several American warships arrived at Cubanas yesterday. their evident intention being to land an expedition. Four Spanish gunboats left port and attacked the Americans. Heavy firing was heard but the result is unknown.

Port au Prince, May 18.---The commander of the Island of Tortuga, off the northwest coast of Haytien reports that there was long continued and heavy cannonading to the eastward of Tortuga landing today. A heavy fog prevented the sighting of anything that would indicate the cause or location of the firing.

Washington, May 18.—Acting on the decision of the president and cabinet yesterday, the army and navy department today issued orders preparing for the embarkation of military forces as soon as possible. The reported suffering of the reconcentradoes, which is now said to have reached a stage far more terrible than it was prior to the breaking out of the war. The cause of the cabinet's decision was that the president feels that under the circumstances, which warranted the declaration of war against Spain by the United States cannot consistently postpone the relief the concentradoes and it will be the business of the first military expedition to carry a large amount of supplies to the starving Cubans. It is reported that the Secretary of the Navy has received a dispatch from Sampson by dispatch boats, which arrived at Key West this morning. The messages were sent from San Juan and probably refer to the bombardment of that place.

Washington, May 18.—The navy department today asked for bids for the construction of three first class battle ships, sixteen torpedo destroyers, twelve torpedo boats and four monitors.

Washington, May 18.—Secretary Long has no news today tending to show that a battle is imminent in the Carribean Sea.

New York, May 18.—A Journal dispatch says Sampson has been informed as to the whereabouts of the Spanish Squadron and is hot on the scent.

Key West, May 18.—The flying squadron arrived here this morning.

Washington May 18.—It is believed that the arrival of the flying squadron at Key West will be followed almost immediately by the invasion of Cuba and a combined attack by the army and navy forces of Havana.

Washington, May 18.—It was reported this afternoon that the Oregon was within two days sail of Sampson's fleet. It is almost certain that she has eluded the Spanish squadron.

FREIGHT MOVEMENT.

An unusually large amount of freight was moved from this point yesterday via the Sherman Shrevesport & Southern. After shipping six cars of cattle and four cars of wheat to Chicago Saturday, the following is a list of the weigh bills of car lots moved out yesterday:

4 cars stock to Chicago.
11 cars wheat to Chicago.
4 cars cotton seed meal to Galveston.
1 car oats to Shrevesport.

To say nothing of three large boxes of provisions shipped to the boys at Camp Mabry. Truly McKinney is all right as a shipping point and with the combined efforts of our accomodating railroad agents and hustling farmers we believe that this year's movements of freight from this station will show a marked increase over the record of all previous years.

SOLDIERS' SALARIES

Dispensed By Uncle Sam To His Brave Sons In His Actual Armed Service.

Uncle Sam has always been accused of being parsimonious in dealing with his soldiers, and while there is nothing in the way of a private to tempt any one to throw up a good job, yet the commissioned officers are pretty well paid, except for the time they ar actually being shot at. In time of war all persons connected with the army have their salaries increased 20 per cent, and hence in the figures given the increase has been added. Following are the annual salaries of the commissioned officers:

Major general	$9,575
Brigadier general	6,875
Colonel	4,375
Lieutenant colonel	3,750
Major	3,125
Captain, mounted	2,500
Captain, not mounted	2,250
Regimental adjutant	2,250
Regimental quartermaster	2,250
First lieutenant, mounted	2,000
First lieutenant not mounted	1,875
Second lieutenant, mounted	1,875
Second lieutenant, not mounted	1,750
Regimental chaplain	1,875
Regimental surgeon	3,125
Assistant surgeon	2,000

A private soldier receives $15.-50 a month; ordance sergeants, $42.50; hospital stewards, $56.25, and aiding hospital stewards, $31.-25.

Pike-Alger Wedding.

Washington, May 18.—Special to the Courier.—Miss Aura Alger, daughter of Secretary Alger, and Charles B. Pike, a prominent Chicago attorney, were married here today.

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Sell Everything in DRUG Line

And Guarantee Price and Quality.

Respectfully,

C. C. Provine.

COLLIN'S FINANCE.

pert Committee Finds County With a Fine Cash Balance and Out Of Debt—Tax Collector Knighton and Treasurer Saunders Commended.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Below we give the report of H. Coleman, of Plano, and . T. Brooke, of McKinney as expert finance committee to vestigate the affairs of the unty. The committee made its port to the last grand jury:

"Starting from balance shown report of last committee (Nov. h. 1897) we have carefully ecked the reports of the various unty officers, the Justices of the ace, the county commissioners d the county clerk up to the bruary term of the commisners court, the tax collector up the first day of April, and the unty treasurer up to and inding the 20th day of April 98.

We find that all money belongg to the county, as shown by the ports, has been paid to county easurer as shown by his reepts, and has been properly tered to the credit of the differt county funds and disbursed on legitimate warrants and ecks.

We desire to especially comnd the business-like manner in ich the books in the offices of llector and Treasurer are kept.

We find the following cash balances due the funds specified:

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

Cash Balance Nov 4 1897	$1845.58
Cash Receipts	5086.00
Total	6931.58

AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Cash Balance, Nov 4, '97	$ 2132.87
Cash Receipts	41958.00
Disbursements	42286.89
Cash balance in Bank	1803.98

COURT HOUSE FUND.

Cash balance, Nov. 4 97.	$ 558.00
Cash receipts	11826.16
Disbursements	8044.75
Cash balance in Bank	4339.41

COUNTY FUND.

Cash Receipts	$17232.99
Overdraft Nov. 4. '97	356.70
Disbursements	11889.08
Cash balance in Bank	$4987.21

JURY FUND.

Cash balance Nov. 4, 97	$1908.45
Cash receipts	2789.77
Disbursements	3606.25
Cash balance in Bank	1091.97

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Cash balance, Nov. 4, '97	$ 820.44
Cash Receipts	18746.69
Disbursements	12443.58
Cash balance in Bank	7123.55
Cash balance in bank all funds	$26277.70

ASSETS.

PERMANANT SCHOOL FUND.

Cash balance in Bank	$6931.58
State Bonds	3000.00
Tarrant County Bonds	10000.00
Denton county Bonds	22000.00
McKinney City	5700.00
County Fund Warrants	3547.00
Balance due on Collin county School Funds	16990.37
	67168.95

AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Cash balance in Bank	$1803.98
Accrued int. on school land	6322.91
Total	8126.89

COURT HOUSE FUNDS.

Cash balance in Bank	$4339.41
Notes Outstanding	4600.00
Judgments	1229.19
Total	10168.60

The within report shows the county to be entirely out of debt with a fine balance to her credit upon which happy condition of affairs she is to be congratulated."

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

To the Hon. J. E. Dillard.

Judge of the 40th Judicial District of Texas.

We the duly organized Grand Grand Jury for Collin county, Texas, for the March term 1898, beg leave to submit the following report, Viz.

We have made diligent inquiry into all matters that have been brought to our attention and used all legal means to inquire into all offenses against the laws of the state that have been committed in this county, and have presented bills in all cases that we think the state has a reasonable chance to convict.

We would especially recommend to our precinct officers that they investigate and dispose of all misdemeanors which can be finally tried in their respective courts, for the reason that much time of the Grand Jury is consumed in the investigation of these misdemeanors, and that the time so consumed is considerable expense to the county.

We have visited the county jail and found it in good condition as such place could be reasonably kept with the exception of some bunks that need repairing, to which we invite the attention of our commissioners' court.

We visited the county poor farm, and found it as well kept as the conveniences will permit. The paupers are well fed and clothed, the stock well cared for and crops are in good condition. We find nine inmates, seven paupers and two insane persons. The insane receive all the attention and care by Mr. Thompson, superintendent of poor farm, that the conveniences at his hands will afford.

We would specially recommend that our state authorities enlarge our insane asylum to a sufficient capacity to accommodate all our unfortunate insane persons that they may be able to receive all the care, attention and medical treatment that humanity demands at our hands.

We have been in session nineteen days and have found and presented forty bills of indictments, twenty-five of which are felonies and fifteen misdemeanors.

We have failed to find bills against the following named parties who are in jail and out on bond, viz., Jim Johnson, C. W. Jeffreys and Joe McLeon.

The expert finance committee, appointed by your honor, at our suggestion, to examine the books of the different county officers, have made their report, and the same hereto attached and made a part of this report.

We specially commend to your honor's attention the faithful labors of our county attorney T. F. Mangum and his assistant H. L. Davis. They have been both courteous and untiring in their work with this body, for which they have our heartfelt thanks. Our labors are completed and we ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
S. K. McCALLON,
Foremen.

EX GOVERNOR BELL

A Tribunte Paid to His Memory by His Nephew Alden Bell.

Richmond (Va.) Daily Times.

Not many weeks ago the friends and relatives of ex-Governor Peter H. Bell of Texas assembled at his home in North Carolina, where he passed away, to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory.

On that occasion his nephew, Mr. Alden Bell, commemorated the virtues of the old hero in the following manner.

"Before you go from this new made grave, a few moments to convey a promise. At the grave of all human ills concenter, and deaths is man's supreme failure, yet, are we here to garland this tomb, and to strew with the flowers of affection, failure. Among the shining marks which have been stricken by the arrow of death none more deeply mourned in death, than this man of State and Nation, who heard and obeyed the sweet voice of nature to lie down and go to his eternal sleep.

Death has at all times sadness at the parting, yet, are we assured that this loss to relatives, State and Nation, is but his gain.

His path did not always lead by the still waters of life; and whether on tented fields, in defense of country, with Houston at San Jacinto, in Texas, in 1836 or with Taylor in the death carnage at Buena Vista in Mexico. in 1845, where patriotism flashed from his sword like lightning from the summer cloud, or again in the councils of state as governor and National legislator, or yet in the more congenial walks of private life, he, ever to advantage, shone in that fierce light that beats upon alife of honor. We meet around his bier for smiles and not for tears. His gentle spirit took its flight under the influence of his calmness, and doubt and fear alike fled; death itself grew beautiful. Gently as a wavelet breaking on a silent shore, sweetly as the closing of flowers at night, his spirit unbound by the fetters of time and sense, sailed away like a ship and never will come back.

Of the countless hosts of those who die, to tell us of what lies beyond, no voice reaches from their echoless shore.

In the peace and quiet of his home, death entered and his spirit drifted away on the bosom of that dark and shadowy river, which flows with resistless sweep into the shoreless sea.

So death has come to thee, oh! great and gentle spirit, and lulling thee to sleep, has borne thee with wings unwearied to eternity.

And we close this sacred hour, we leave him here to sleep amid these gentle scenes and sounds of nature. Nature will distill the gentlest dews upon these sweet flowers, placed on his tomb by the hands of friendship and of love. Nature's sun, moon and stars will keep watch and ward over his grave. Nature's ministers will guard his repose till in the cicle of the seasons the roses bloom again, then we will return to replace here our flowers and renew our love.

He passed away and no breath of calumny marred the splendor of his name or slander smirched the worth of his achievements.

Farewell! to him, who, ever bore upon his bright armor the cestus of unfading honor; who ever sang in his kind and gentle heart the song of spring, who ever wore in his honored life the rose of youth.

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Land Monopoly Again.

Seek to conceal it as we may, there is a growing unrest among a great majority of the people of this country, and an undeniable rebellion against the present political condition of affairs. This feeling is not directed particularly toward either party, but there is a feeling among the people that something is radically wrong with the general conduct of the government, and that herein can be found the cause for the ills of which they complain. As a matter of course, there are chronic grumblers under any system of government, no matter if it came from heaven, and there are people who will never earn or accumulate anything even if they should reach the age of Methusela, but it cannot be denied that as a rule average man does not enjoy the prosperity and happiness to which he is entitled. The reasons assigned for this condition are almost as numerous as the men who discuss it. Some see relief in protection, others in free trade, some in one kind of currency and others in a different character of circulating medium, and so on It is true that other causes have been at work to bring about the great inequality of wealth among our people, but the one which is the greatest of all and which towers above the others like a mountain over a mole hill is the monopoly of land. The policy of permitting men to acquire this very source of life by the tens of thousands of acres is wrong and, forms a most ugly menace to the perpetuity of government and society. This fact is coming to be recognized by our greatest statesmen, and it is to be hoped that the time is not far off when a reasonable limit will be fixed on all future acquisitions of real estate and every encouragement be held out to the poorer class to get and keep their little homes and live the lives of freemen.

There is an association of old army comrades, with headquarters at Houston, formed for the purpose of acquiring for themselves along the Texas coast. Its prospectus is interesting reading and we clip the following from it, bearing as it does directly on the subject under treatment:

"Under present conditions, the man who has not property in lands has no vested rights in this country, and though he may have shed his blood in defense of its laws, and his ancestors may have been the first to kneel on Plymouth Rock, there is no law that could prevent his being driven from a land he calls his own, were the owners of the soil disposed to resort to so cruel a measure. An example of such cruelty has recently been witnessed in the expulsion of the Pole from his native land. He may boast of liberty and glorify his country, but his only interest in his native soil appears when he pays the debt of nature and receives a grave in the bosom of Mother Earth, and this may be hidden away in the tangled wilds of the the Potter's field, where land is cheap.

"Conditions over which we have no control, compel us to accept social environment as we find it, and preservation demands that to insure our individual independence we must become owners of some part of God's prolific earth ere it passes beyond our reach.

"We talk of finance and of tariff as if they were cause or remedy for the want and misery that is stalking through our land, and we seem to forget that rent and interest on bonds and mortgages are the inexorable burdens that bear us down. We talk of overproduction of Corn and of Swine, of Cotton and of Wool, and yet with our vast storehouses overflowing with the products of nature, we hear tattered children crying for food, and see Man, the image of his Creator, tramping the highways clothed in rags and begging a market for his labor at a price that will barely allay the pangs of hunger.

"The observing man has but to look about him to see how rapidly natural advantages are being monopolized. When all desirable public lands are taken, this country will have approached the condition of Europe, and society will have been divided into two clases, the masters of the soil and he who serves. Even now in this, a people's government, our lowest classes could well afford to exchange places with the savages of the desert. If the middle classes would exist as such, and save their posterity from a condition bordering on slavery, they must become possessed of land."—Texas Sandwich.

"TAKEN AT THE FLOOD."

Commodore Dewey was sent to the Asiatic Station last November at his own request. His health was not of the best, and he thought sea duty would restore it. His companions at Metropolitan Club gave him a rousing send-off at a banquet where the following song was sung. It was written by Col. Archibald Hopkins, Clerk of the Court of Claims:

Through days storm, through days of calm,
On board Pacific seas,
At anchor off the Isles of Palm,
Or with the Japanese,
Ashore, afloat, on [illegible] deck, below,
Or where our bulldogs roar,
To back a friend or breast a foe,
We pledge the Commodore.

We know our honor'll be unstained,
Where'er his pennant flies,
Our rights respected and maintained,
Whatever power defies.
And when he takes the homeward tack,
Beneath an Admiral's flag.
We'll hail the day that brings him back,
And have another jag.

A few days later Commodore Dewey sailed for the West Pacific.

A FAILING OF THE SEX.

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Tom—What leads you to that conclusion?

Jack—A woman would have put her hand on it.

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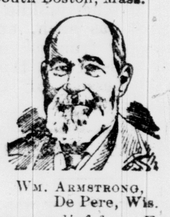
A Poor Way to Treat Eczema

Is to rely upon local applications, such as soaps, lotions, salves, etc., which can not possibly go below the surface. This treatment is very much like attempting to boil water by applying the heat to the top of the vessel containing it. Everybody knows what a crude and unsatisfactory process it would be, and no one would think of employing such a method. Yet it is a very common thing for those afflicted with *Eczema* to expect to be cured by treatment which does not touch the disease. Eczema is not a skin disease, as so many people think, although it produces fiery and burning itching that becomes almost unbearable. Zinc ointments, and other applications containing minerals, should be avoided, as they are very injurious to the skin. The disease itself, the real cause of the trouble, is in the blood, and only a real blood remedy, like Swift's Specific, which goes down to the very foundation and forces out all impurity, can ever have any permanent effect upon it.

I had Eczema on my foot for twenty years, and notwithstanding constant treatment it continued to spread and grow worse. I used salves and lotions innumerable, and also used several blood remedies, but none had any effect. The disease finally extended from my toes to my knee, and the pain and itching were almost unbearable. On account of my age (which is 70) the physicians said a cure was impossible. One dozen bottles of S. S. S. cured me completely, and now only the scars remain to show the awful struggle I have endured.

MRS. SARAH PIKE,
477 Broadway, South Boston, Mass.



I have been a sufferer for eight years with that horrible disease, Eczema, and no person can describe the burning and itching I had to endure. I was treated by the best of physicians with no success, and tried all the patent medicines recommended for Eczema without any good results. I went to several celebrated medical resorts, but the disease soon returned. I then tried S. S. S. and after a short while the burning and itching subsided and I continued to improve steadily until I was well—entirely cured.

WM. ARMSTRONG,
De Pere, Wis.

Those who are content with only temporary relief from Eczema can continue the use of local applications, but all who would have every trace of the irritating, burning disease thoroughly eliminated and the system rid of it forever, will find the only cure in Swift's Specific (S. S. S.). Being a real blood remedy, it never fails to cure the most obstinate, deep-seated cases, which are beyond the reach of other remedies. S. S. S. is the best blood remedy, because it is PURELY VEGETABLE and is the only one guaranteed to contain no mercury, potash or any other mineral.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

THURSDAY MAY 12.

Attorney I. D. Fowler, of Farmersville, was in the city yesterday.

C. H. Wray, of Bates, Tex., is in the city on business today.

Hon. Dan Garnett is off on a fishing trip today.

Attorney W. S. Terrell is in Melissa on business today.

C. L. Matthews left yesterday for a business trip to Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Jno. C. Cooke and family returned yesterday evening from a visit to relatives at Hood, Cooke county Texas.

Prof. I. A. Looney, of Hillsboro, is making some handsome and much needed improvements at his two cottages on south Tennessee street.

Miss Frankie Blanford who has been quite sick for the past week is much improved at present.

One of Mr. Lou Crouch's little girls while enroute to school this afternoon fell and struck her knee on an empty tin can inflicting a very serious wound.

M. Aron & Co's show window is appropriately decorated with pictures of our battleships and some of their commanders.

Mr. Roll Stiff returned to Pilot Point this eve after attending the Elliott-Stiff nuptials.

Mr. Jno. G. Davis and wife, of Dallas, are visiting Mr. W. D. Davis.

FRIDAY MAY 13.

Sam J. Moulden is up from Murphy today.

Miss Nettie Brooks is recovering from a week's illness.

K. K. Kerr visited in the country yesterday.

Bass and Coleman shipped out two cars of hogs for the markets today.

Mr. Ed Hinman is recovering from a week's illness.

Bill Muncy, an old West Collin farmer, is in town today.

J. L. Harper, late editor of the Examiner, is moving his family to his future home at Pilot Point today.

Jim Miller passed through McKinney last evening en route to visit his father, Rev. Miller, at Bethel.

Our merchants are receiving large consignments of grain sacks preparatory to the harvest season.

Mr. and Mrs. Story, Misses Nettie Douglas, Lola Wade, Grace Watson and Floy Leach, and Mr. Jake Helms, all of Weston, are shopping here today. They are guests at the Wade hotel.

Attorneys G. R. Smith, J. M. Muse, J. S. Lawrence and Manly Beard attended justice court at Melissa yesterday.

J. E. Bateman and Valter Greer of Celina are here today. Mr. Bateman has been summoned as a federal grand juryman to Dallas Monday.

Work is being diligently pushed on the sewer system and court house fence, both of which will doubtless be completed some time during next week.

J. P. Beard, who spent several months here, and who recently returned to his home at Columbia, Ky., writes back to friends here that they had a snow there May 6, and that he hadn't seen a stalk of corn up this season.

Rev. Hornbeak, pastor of the Walnut Grove Cumberland Presbyterian church, is in town today. His church is the only country congregation in the county that supports a pastor exclusively.

D. C. Hill has ten cars of cattle to ship out for Chicago markets just as soon as the washed out roads can be repaired in the Indian Territory. He says the M. K. & T. track along the South Canadian is washed away for five miles.

Prohibited By Diaz.

Austin, Tex., May 10.—Rev. U. D. Powell, a Baptist minister who for the past seventeen years has resided in Toluca, Mex., arrived here today from that place. He states that a few days ago a company of thirty-two Spaniards was formed at Toluca for the purpose of going to Cuba and joining the Spanish army.

They got as far as Vera Cruz, when their departure was prohibited by President Diaz and they returned to Toluca. The Spaniards of the City of Mexico contributed $200,000 as a fund with which to purchase provisions for the Spanish army in Cuba. The provisions were purchased and shipped to Vera Cruz to be loaded on a chartered vessel.

When the whole lot had reached Vera Cruz President Diaz ordered that they be not shipped out of the country.

Rev. Powell extoles President Diaz to the highest degree, and states that the American people may rest assured that he will en-

W. C. PARKER DEAD.

Prominent Citizen and Early Settler Passed Away at His Home at Parker.

The news of the death of W. C. Parker, which occurred at Parker this county, at 3 p. m. May 12 was received here with much regret next morning, where the deceased had numerous friends, acquaintances, and relatives. He was one of the county's earliest and oldest settlers, having come to Collin in 1855 from Humphries county, Tenn.

During his long life, he ever proved himself to be a worthy citizen, useful to the commnnity in which he lived and highly respected by his neighbors.

The deceased first married a Miss Wilson and after her death a Miss Graham.

The surviving children are Dr. G. D, Parker, of Houston Tex., Mrs. Rowland of West Texas, Mrs. Presley Parker, of Parker, Misses Kate and Adelia Board Parker.

It will be remembered that another daughter, Miss Jane, was burned to death about two or three years ago by the accidental igniting of her clothing.

Messrs J. R. and R. L. Parker, of this city were first cousins of the deceased.

The burial took place at 3 o'clock at Decatur graveyard near the deceased's home Wednesday.

To the bereaved ones we tender our sincere sympathy over the great loss they have sustained.

McKinney Volunteers.

With several letters which are constantly being received from the boys at Camp Mabry came the following telegrams from the boys Thursday.

Camp Mabry, May 12, '98.—Mr. Sam Burks, McKinney Tex., —I am now a member of Co. E. 1st. regiment.

John Krause.

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Camp Mabry, May 12, '98.—Daily Courier, McKinney, Tex., —All of us who went from McKinney to Sherman stood pat. McCarty's company lost ten men on examination.

Sam J. Davis.

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After a second attempt to get the list of the McKinney boys rejected the following message was received by the Courier at 4 o'clock that afternoon:

Camp Mabry, May 12. 4:20 p. m.—Daily Courier, McKinney Tex.,—First message a mistake. Our men rejected are Bob Knott, John Allison, Smith, L. G. Tallant, Commons, Fred Tefteller, Jim Watts, Press Allen and Franklin. Harding, Wallace, and DeArmond missing

McCarty Moore, Capt.
Co. E. 1st Regiment.

AN AGED LADY DIES.

At the Home of Her Son-in-Law Wednesday Evening. Burial at Milligan.

Mrs. Annie Butler, aged 73, died Wednesday evening at the home of her son-in-law, Geo. W. Polston in southwest McKinney. The deceased has lived in McKinney about 6 years, coming from Cumberland county, Ky. She was for many years a member of the Christian church. Three children survive her. Their names are Mrs. Nancy Rutlege living in the Enloe community southeast of town, Mrs. G. W. Polston of this city and T. V. Scott of Little Elm, Denton county. Burial in the Miligan cemetery, 4 miles east of McKinney at 4 o'clock next evening. Eld. J. Lowery conducted the services.

DEATH MESSAGE.

D. C Rudolph Dies at Waverly Tenn. Has Many Texas Relatives.

R. L. Parker of this city received a telegram this morning from J. C. Rudolph of Waverly Tenn.. containing the sad information of the sudden death of his father, D. C. Rudolph, last evening. The deceased was a prominet old citizen of Waverly and a cousin of Mr. Parker. He was also a brother of Mrs. Harriett Hall living north of McKinney and Mrs. T. S. Batson living southeast of town and has many other relatives in Texas, among them being the Rudolph brothers, formerly of McKinney, who were his nephews. He never visited his Texas relatives but once and that was before the war, in 1855. That visit may be recalled by several of our oldest settlers owing to a very lengthy and critical illness Mr. Rudolph underwent during his stay, being rescued, all united in thinking, from the Jaws of death by the late Dr. Benj. E. Smith father of the Smith brothers now composing the drug firm of that name in our city.

Song of the U. S. soldiers and sailors, on the way to "our sister o'er the sea"

BY E. M. CARR, M. D.

We are coming, Cuba, coming,
With a hundred thousand men,
From the city, from the village,
From the mountain and the glen;
From the forests, from the prairie,
From the mountain and the lea,
From the cabin in the valley,
And the cottage by the sea;
From the homes of peace and plenty
That we love so passing well,
And the hearts we cherish, Cuba,
More than human tongue can tell.

But we heard thy plaining, Cuba;
Hear the mother's parting sigh;
Heard the widow's hungry wailing
And the orphan's pleading cry:
Saw the faces pale and haggard;
Read the anguish on the brow;
Saw the lips once warm and dewy,
Cold and pale and bloodless now

Saw the famished mother, lying
With her shriveled breasts anddried
And the little hungry shadow
Pleading mutely at her side;
And we saw the silent parting,
As they bore the child away,
To be followed by the mother
Shortly to their bed of clay,
And it sent a sorrow, Cuba,
And a sickness to the heart,
And a pang thro' all our being—
As when soul and body part;—
And a thirst for vengeance Cuba,—
Such as generous spirits know—
Kindled fast against the demons
Who had wrought this bitter woe,
And we made a vow to heaven,
And to all the world below,
And we pledged a nation's honor
It should be no longer so.

We are coming, Cuba, coming,
With the vow upon our lips;
With theflag that breathes of freedom
And the vengeful battle-ships;
Lo, the gallant vessels dancing
In their gladness and their glee,
As tho' conscious of their mission
To the suff'rers o'er the sea.

We are coming, Cuba coming,
And our arms shall shortly tell
On that horde of sin and satan,—
On that spawn of death and hell:
We are coming surely coming
With that blessed boon for thee;
With the priceless gift of freedom
For our "sister o'er the sea"
For the hell-hound shall be driven
From thy torn and bleeding breast,
And thy hungry, weeping children
Shall no longer be oppressed,
Soon shall be thine own the blessing
That Columbia sends to thee;
Soon shall wave thy struggling banner
With the banners of the free.

NEW LEBANON, MO., April 24, 1898.

An Address to The People of Collin County

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Another political campaign has arrived and your patient attention is called to the work of choosing officers again.

After a lapse of thirty years of peace in which party strife and local and personal jealousies have worked their baneful results, we are at this time involved in a foreign war from which we hope soon to emerge with victory and, with peace again established we appeal to all citizens, who believe in the American system of government, to join us in an attempt at re-establishing our Government on a basis of economy and efficiency. No attempt to build up a great overtopping party of power for spoils and for patronage, should be encouraged. Our sole purpose should be the advancement of peace, prosperity and happiness among all the inhabitants of our country. Party domination in our government has been tried and found, as Washington prophesied, the most dangerous form of tyranny. In the absence of all hope of real reform of government by the present prevailing parties and believing that reform can come only through the independent action of patriotic individuals we invite all persons inclined to independent action to join us in our effort to improve the condition of our population.

Believing the time has come when every believer in the eternal principles of the People's Party should be aroused to action, we wish to offer a few words of advice and encouragement to the Populists of Collin county. The usual horde of hungry office seekers are now roving the hills and dales of our county, whispering deceitful words into the ear of every populist who will listen and telling them that the Populist party is dead and begging them to come into the "fold" and help them into office. We entreat you in the name of truth and justice and in the name of honor and patriotism to turn your backs upon these selfish seeker after "pie" and a deaf ear to their siren voices. No true and intelligent Populist will so stultify himself as to go into an opposition primary. When the politician tells you your party is dead remember that he told you the same thing in 1892 after our party had polled 108,000 votes in the state and 2,200 in this county. Remember that they told you the same thing after the election in 1894 when you had increased your vote in the state to 155,000 and your vote in the county to 2,700. And now he is telling you this same old story when in 1896 you increased your votein the state to 238,000 andyour vote in the county to 3,800. The records of the election show all such statements to be false. All Populists should give all such statements by politicians no heed.

The primary election is a "delusion and a snare." The candidate will say to you, "come in and vote for me and then vote as you please in the general election. When you have voted in the primaries, "Touch not; taste not; handle not."

The Apostles had a Judas; the Colonies had an Arnold; and so our great cause has had several of like ilk who have turned traitor in time of need and gone over to the enemy hoping to be rewarded for their perfidy.

We have the highest regard for the honest, open foe who confronts us in battling against our principles, but for those who enter our camps with the hidden dagger of treachery ready to smite us in the hour of battle we have nothing but contempt, and we know of no greater punishment than to bid them on into the enemy's camp, there to "rest" beneath suspicion and digust.

It is to be deplored that the dark clouds of war hover over our nation. Indeed, as we address you the armies of America and Spain are called to battle for supremacy on land and sea. All hopes of peace so much desired by the thoughtful, conservative and liberty loving citizenship have vanished. We believe that all populists of our county, state and nation are peaceful, liberty loving people who stand today as in the past acting as mediators, with one hand on the throat of the anarchist and the other on the throat of the cormorant. Our sympathies are with those who struggle for political freedom in every land of every clime, and it being the object of our government in the present crisis to assist in promoting freedom and relieve the suffering Cubans, we trust that all will give patriotic support to the government in its trying to bring to a speedy close the present war with just as little expense and bloodshed as possible. As in our international war we call volunteers to the defence of our national integrity, so in the great industrial war against injustice we ask volunteers to our army of peaceful reform.

Signed,
E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
E. C. FORBES,
F. C. THOMPSON, } Com.

Populist Official Call.

McKinney, Tex., Apr. 25, '98.

TO THE POPULISTS OF COLLIN COUNTY.

By authority vested in me as chairman of the County Executive committee I hereby call a county convention of the Popplists of Collin county to meet in the city of Farmersville Saturday May 28th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. For the following purposes:

1st. To elect delegates to the state convention to be held at Austin, July 27th.

2nd. To elect delegates to a Congressional nominating convention not yet called.

3rd. To elect a chairman of the county executive committee to serve for two years.

4th. To nominate such officers and attend to such other business as the convention may see proper.

The populist voters are requested to meet at their several voting places on Saturday May 21st at 2 o'clock p. m. and elect one delegate from each precinct and one additional delegate for every 50 votes cast for Jerome Kearby for governor in 1896.

Under this apportionment the several precincts will be entitled to representation as follows:

Allen	2
Anna	3
Blue Ridge	5
Celina	1
Copeville	2
Chambersville	1
Decatur	2
Farmersville North	6
Farmersville South	4
Frankfort	1
Gray Bill	2
Josephine	1
Lick Prairie	2
Lavon	1
Lebanon	2
Lucas	1
McKinney North	12
McKinney South	11
Millwood	1
Melissa	3
Nevada	2
Princeton	3
Plano	4
Pike	2
Roseland	1
Rheas Mill	2
Rock Hill	3
Snow Hill	2
St. Paul	2
Seven Points	1
Verona	2
Valdasta	2
Weston	4
Wylie	3
Total	96

At your precinct meetings elect a chairman of your precinct who will be ex-officio member of the county executive committee

E. C. FORBES, CH'M.

Attest:

WALTER B. WILSON, SEC.

State chairman J. S. Bradley of Waco will deliver a speech Friday night May 27, also on Saturday morning May 28, at the county convention at Farmersville. Hon. J. H. (Cyclone) Davis has been invited to be present, and will most probably accept.

As soon as the government was informed through Dewey's report of the exact situation in the far east, preparations for sending a military expedition to the Philippines were carried forward on a definite basis and with renewed vigor. Hurried conferences were held between the war and navy officials and the president and the details of the expedition were worked out. Five thousand infantry, cavalry and artillery will compose the force to be sent. The troops will be drawn from Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho, and the greater number will be volunteers. Eight companies of the 14th regular infantry will be used. Orders were sent May 12 for the regulars in the states named to set out at once for San Francisco. The start will be made from San Francisco within a week, probably as early as next Thursday. The department expects six steamships like the City of Pekin, will be sufficient and anticipates no trouble in securing them. It is the belief of Miles and the army administration that the chief duty of the troops sent to the Philippines will be in maintaining martial law at Manila and other important points. It is estimated about fourteen days will be necessary for the transportation to reach Manila, and so chances are by June 1 the army will have landed a force sufficient to maintain control as long as desired.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas.—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin county, Texas, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, That by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Collin, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Robert Jones, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the justice court, of Precinct No. 8, Collin county, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county and precinct aforesaid, in the town of Blue Ridge, on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1898, file number being No. 313, then and there to answer the petition of Barton Bros., a copartnership composed of Kimber L. Barton, William Barton and George A. Barton, filed in said court, on the 26th day of April, A. D., 1898, against the said Robert Jones, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

On the 25th of September, A. D., 1896, the plaintiffs, Barton Bros, a copartnership composed of Kimbrell L. Barton, William Barton and George A. Barton, recovered a judgment on an account against the defendant, Robert Jones, for the sum of one hundred twenty six and 90-100 ($126.90) dollars in a certain cause the file number of which is 313 said judgment bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date of the rendition of the said judgment and two and 60-100 ($2.60) dollars cost of suit, and there not having been issued an execution on said judgment within twelve months after the rendition thereof the same became dormant. The said Robert Jones, not having paid off and satisfied said judgment or any part thereof, this suit is brought to revive said judgment. You will therefore summon the said Robert Jones as above set forth to be and appear before the Justice court of Precinct No. 8, Collin county, Texas, to be held in the town of Blue Ridge on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1898, then and there to show cause if any he has why the said judgment should not be revived. Herein fail not but make due return of this writ showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand this the 26th day of April, A. D., 1898.

E. E. HOLT, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 8, Collin County, Texas.

ALL WOMEN

NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement in the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.

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Subject to the democratic primaries.

For Local Representative
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JOHN R. SMITH.

For District Judge
J E DILLARD

For County Judge
J. H. FAULKNER
F. E. WILCOX
J. L. DOGGETT
D. P. JOHNSON

For County Attorney
GEORGE HARDIN
H. L. DAVIS

Eor County Clerk
PAT MOULDEN
W. M. SHIRLEY
J. A. WALDEN

For Sheriff
J. W. PAFFORD
W S COFFEY

For Tax Collector
YANCY POWELL
A W KNIGHTON

For County Superintendent of schools
W. W. SHEPHERD
W. M. ERWIN

For County Surveyor
ED H KEEN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
SAM H FOX

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

TUESDAY MAY 17.

Dr. Provine and wife left this morning for a visit to relatives at Coffeyville, Miss.

The cheapest place to get Window shades at J. T. Nale's, next door east of postoffice.

Mr. Geo. Herndon left today for a two week's stay at Wooten Wells.

Diamond dyes all colors, at Smith Bros.

Mrs. Gordan has returned from an extended visit to Ballenger, Tex.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store,

The Nickle Store next door to postoffice has what you want.

Oil for wagon and buggy axles at Smith Bros.

Gabe Lucas is in Farmersville on business today.

WALL PAPER. WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up. at City Drug Store.

Crutches, any length, at Smith Bros.

Jno. G. Davis returned last evening from a flying trip to Plano,

The Nickle Store has a big stock of useful goods too numerous to mention and too cheap to steal.

Spectacles from 25c to $10 a pair at Smith Bros.

Dud Rike returned yesterday afternoon from a business visit to Farmersville.

Cold drinks and mineral water at Smith Bros.

Ringworm, Tetter, Itching Piles, Itch, Eczema cured quickly and effectually with Hunt's Cure. Money refunded if it fails. Price 50 cents.

Invest your nickles judiciously if you would accumulate dollars. The way to do it, trade at the Nickle Store

Mrs. W. P. Cloyd is visiting her sister Mrs. E. W. Harrison in Greenville this week,

Make your own bluing, we can sell you enough powder for 10cts to make one quart good bluing. Smith Bros.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Fred Harding requests us to state that the boys at CampMabry, in their telegram to The Courier, made a mistake in placing his name in the list of "missing," and says that he was examined with a different company and rejected.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18

Ed Hinman went on the excursion to Sulphur Springs today.

Screen Doors and Windows, Screenwire, Cloth, etc., very cheap at J. T. Nale 1 door east of postoffice.

Mr. Jno. D. Stiff has treated his residence on college hill to a beautiful new painting, by those tasty artists Neel & Fouts.

Bird seed, our own mixing, at Smith Bros.

For groceries, fresh, staple and fancy go to Goostree & Houston.

Miss Sarah Webb is visiting friends in Plano today.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Chill tonics, quinine and baby foods at Smith Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Talkington are visiting at Lebanon.

Old papers 25cts, per hundred at this office.

Tin and Graniteware at J. T. Nales.

The best and cheapest place in town to buy house furnishing goods at J. T. Nales.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Scholarships for Sale or Trade.

Two business scholarships for sale or trade. Call at this office.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

We are agents for the Ordway plaster, none better, Smith Bros.

Backache, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Diarrhœa, Cramp Colic, all aches and pains speedily cured with Hunt's Lighting Oil. Failing, money refunded

John T. Dugger, of Princeton, is attendigg court.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhœa ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy.—P. E. GRisham, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Mattie Webb leaves this afternoon for a few week's visit to Oak Cliff.

Old papers at this office for sale 25cts per hundred.

Ice cream freezers, screen doors and windows at Asbury & Nelson's

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Messrs. T. D. Evans and Wash Brummett, of Nevada, are visiting in the city.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds for one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

Hardin White and wife of Houston, are visiting relatives at Foncine and friends in McKinney.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

We are proud of our grocery trade and customers and hope to number every reader of this among our customers who are not already.

Goostree & Houston.

Wanted to Exchange.

An organ for a good gentle buggy horse. Call at this office.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

We cordially invite our friends and the public to see us when wanting furniture, queensware, window shades, stoves or floor mattings.

Asbury & Nelson.

Shoulder braces for either ladies or gentlemen at Smith Bros.

Mrs. Fannie Greenwood, who has spent the past two months with relatives here, returned to Del Rio today.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store

Mrs. Ben H. Oates is very ill today.

Dr. Putty of Celina is here today.

Oil tar, pine tar, lobelie seed and indigo at Smith Bros.

Mrs. W. E. Ditto is quite ill.

H. W. Ardinger, of Dallas, is in the city on business today.

Marshal Burks is doing some effectual work with his force today, chopping weeds on the streets and alleys.

Car load Collier's strictly pure white lead just received and for sale cheap at Wilcox & Son's Lumber Yard.

Borax, glue, Venetian red and cream tartar at Smith Bros.

Mrs. Annie Shirley, and little daughter, Lucile, leave today for a visit to Hillsboro.

J. T. Nale is headquarters for Queenware, Glassware and all other kinds of Tableware and the cheapest in town, 1 door east of postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, after a pleasant visit in our liitle city have returned to their home in Denison.

The best 5c cigar in town at Smith Bros.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and faftens the lean. It's the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. Fifty cents.

Just received a large assortment of buckskin pocketbooks, 50c and up at Smith Bros.

McKinney is building business houses, an elevator and boring an artesian well, war or no war.

Mrs. F. C. Thompson is entertaining the following guests of Sherman: Mrs. H. L. McDuffie and two children, Lee and Margarete, Mrs. John C. McDuffie and daughter, Lady Lee, Mrs. C. L. Sumner and children, Linn and Fay, also, Miss Alleen Riley.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros 2

EXCAVATION has begun on the lots adjacent to and north of the Foote House, for the erection of three brick business houses, by our wide-awake and enterprising townsmen, Messrs. E. W. Morten and M. H. Byrne. The contractors for construction of the new buildings are Messrs. Ferguson and Dowlen.

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. MOORE, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Saler, of Holly Springs, Miss., is visiting at W. M. Abernathy's.

Try Allen's Foot Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Mrs. Joe Leonard is recovering from a week's illness.

Buried Here

A burial took place in Pecan Grove cemetery at 2 pm, yesterday. The deceased was Lester, the 18-month-old child of J. F. Nichols which died in the Bois 'd Arc community yesterday. It was a grandchild of G. W. Sperry.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex May, 19, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C:

LADIES.

Bush, Mollie
Hancock, Mary
Mancans, Mary
Munger, Mary
Rogers, Mollie

GENTLEMAN.

Bryant, W T
Coleman, G D
Fitzpatrick, Jesse
Hamback, G W
Halleckson, W K (2)
Hartsell, W F
Looney, W H
McDaniel, G L
McLarry, R F
Mitchell, J H
Staggs, Louis,
Sloan, D
White, Willie H

COUNTY COURT ASSIGNMENTS

Criminal and Civil Docket of The May Term.

To Hon. M. G. Abernathy County Judge Collin County Texas:

We your committee heretofore appointed to assign the Civil Docket of the present term of the County court beg leave to report, that we have assigned said docket as follows to-wit:

CIVIL DOCKET.

MONDAY MAY 23rd, '98.

No 4095 Webster v Moulden et al.
4350 Aven v Jordan.
4392 Aven v Bybee et al.
4366 Parlin & Orendoff Co. vs Bellows.

TUESDAY MAY 24th, 98.

No 4459 R C White vs Pristly etal
4157 Collin County Bank vs Johnathan Woodall.
4275 Thompson and Brother vs A D Stiff.
——— J C Moore vs Barlow.
4229 Beebe vs S S S R R Co.
4296 Jones vs G C S F R R Co.
4299 Slayten Kirkey Woolen Mills vs Phelan.
4298 Slayten Kirkey Woolen Mills vs J D McCoy.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25th, 98.

No 4347 Henderson v McDaniel al
4348 Wells v Ball
4378 Carroll vs Nickols.
4400 Johnson vs Prior et al.

MAY 26 THURSDAY

No. 4423 Wood v Brewer
" 4445 Rutledge v McCorcle
" 4446 Avon v Woodard
" 4449 Moor & Murchinson v Marble

FRIDAY 27 98

No. 4458 T. J. Tood & Son v Ball
" 4460 S. Weisman v Couch
" 4462 J L. McConnell v Collin County Bank
" 4463 Weisman v Wes & A. M. Loeb
" 4464 P. R. Jordan v Leverett
" 4465 J. E. Largent v A. C. Varner etal
" 4466 J. T. Stark v McAdam & Jackson
" 4467 T A Bailey v C. L. Hamrick etal
" 4468 South Bend Chill Plow Co. v T. E. Ball.

JUNE 2nd 1898

" Shain v M. K. & T. etal.
W M Abernathy, I. E. Reeves, G. R. Smith } Com.

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

WEDNESDAY MAY 16, 1898.

State of Texas vs J A Evans.
" " Jake Ramsey
" " D N Scott
" " Mollie Jones
" " A T Fitts
" " Anna Mitchell.
" " Sam Mitchell.
" " Gundy Mitchell

TUESDAY MAY 17th. 1898.

State of Texas vs Eck Stephens.
" " " "
" " " "
" " " "
" " " "
" " Will McKinney
" " Tobe Carroll.
" " Jno Lockhart.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18th, 1898.

State of Texas vs Bob Jones.
" " " "
" " At Skelton.
" " W A Allen.
" " G S Proshus
" " Monroe Weekly

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. MANGUM.
W. T. BEVERLY.
R. C. MERRITT.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4 50 to 5 70
Wheat per bus	95 to $1.00
Corn per bus	34 to 40cts.
Oats per bus	25 cts
Hay baled per ton	$6.00 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.90 to $3.15
Cotton seed per ton	$8.00.
Baled Oats per ton	$5.00.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	7 1-2 to 10cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.50 to $3.00.
Hogs per cwt	$3.80 to $4.00.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef dressed per lb	5 to 6cts.
Dressed pork per lb	5 to 5.25cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	$1.00.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame backs, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by City Drug Store.

Joseph Rodgers and A. Fields pocket cutlery at Smith Bros.

Country Lard Wanted.

I want country lard, and want it immediately. Will pay cash or in trade. T. J. MELTON.

Chairman E. H. R. Green has called the republican state executive committee to meet at Waco May 31.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGETT.

Chas. Womble Thrown From His Horse at Verona and Fatally Injured.

May 17th, '98.

Richard Hudson spent a day or two in Austin this week.

Mr. Dunlap of Atlanta is in the city on a visit to Dr. Bell.

The case against the young man Allen, charged with misappropriation of money was dismissed in the county court last Monday.

Miss May Patterson is in Sherman on a visit to relatives and friends.

D. P. Johnson left for Lebanon and other points in the western part of the county Monday.

Wm. Hildreth, Gus Ford, Paul Harris, Sam Hendrix and Willie Bolling visited the city of Austin this week.

Newt Wardlow, Wm. Foraker, W. S. Aston and J. B. Allen went to McKinney Monday to attend court which is in session there this week.

Geo. Hardin and W. T. Pryor attended court in McKinney Monday.

Rev. Mr. Hatfield preached a good sermon at the Christian church Sunday night.

W. P. Bumpass is off to Estacado and other points in the west, where he will be rusticating for the next few weeks.

J. T. Forrester, of Merit, was in Farmersville Sunday.

A. W. Knighton of McKinney was in the city Sunday.

Miss Ida Hardin returned from Sherman Sunday.

Dud Rike of of McKinney came over Sunday and spent the day in the city.

Mr. Morris, a brother to Mrs. L. C. Clifton, is visiting in the city this week.

There was no preaching at the Baptist church Sunday.

Eugene Houghton was in the city this week.

C. E. and W. B. Lehman spent Saturday in McKinney.

Tom May returned from the Territory and other points last week.

Mrs. L. L. Miller and children while driving one day last week had a narrow escape. The buggy was overturned, throwing them all out into a ditch, luckily all escaped without serious injury.

E. G. Brown from Galveston is in the city this week. He is thinking of locating with us, and has letters of recommendation from responsible men in Arkansas, where he was raised. We welcome him in our midst.

Chas. Womble, son of Amos Womble, of Verona, one day last week while driving some cows, was thrown from his horse in some way and never regained consciousness. He lingered, we learn, about 48 hours, when he expired. Mr. Womble was a good citizen, and the entire community will regret to hear of his death. To the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy.

ORIENT.

Camp Mabry Notes.

Austin, Tex., May 17.—T. E. Conger, a member of the Greenville rifles, came near drowning this morning while bathing in the river. He was in the middle of the stream and had started back when he was seized by a cramp. He cried for help and Private Edwards of company K, first infantry, and several others started for him. Edwards arrived in time to keep him from sinking and when the others arrived they proceeded to the shore with the unfortunate Conger. He is all right now.

Fitzhugh Lee's Family.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has three brothers, all living within a few miles of Fredericksburg, Va. They are Maj. John M. Lee, and one, Robert Lee, who is eccentric enough to be a plain "Mr." Gen Lee's residence is on an estate called Highland home, and with him lives the venerable mother of the family. She is 90 years old, and for some time has been totally blind.

A Unique Verdict.

The following unique and original verdict was rendered by the jury in the case of G. S. Mathews, charged with aggrivated assault, in the county court yesterday.

"We the jury, who's ages and weights are as follows, J. P Coffey age 47 years, weight 210, S. W. Butler age 48 weight 210, J. H. Johnson age 49 weight 215, John T. Dugger age 47 weight 175, M. B. McDonald age 47 weight 205, and J. R. Saye age 47 and weight 215, find the defendant not guilty.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

An Important Session of the city Fathers Tuesday Night.

CITY TEACHERS ELECTED.

Eight Former Teachers Retained in their Old Positions.

An unusually interesting and important meeting was held at the city hall Tuesday night, which kept the custodians of our city's destinies busy until the "sma, wee hours." The election of teachers for the city schools for the term of 1898-99 was the absorbing topic of the hour and was prosecuted with the usual celerity and wise conservativeness characteristic of our councilmen. All the former teachers except Miss Bettie Lee Parker were applicants for their previous positions, and there were in all thirty applicants for the ten positions to be filled.

It was universally conceded that the term just closed had been most satisfactory and each of the teachers who regained their former positions won almost without a discenting vote, and those who lost their former situations were defeated by very slight majorities.

The ten teachers elected by the council were as follows:

J. C. Ryan, of Waxahachie, superintendent.
S. H. Horn, of McKinney, principal.
Miss Edwina Alsup, 8th. grade.
Miss Wilma Edwards, 7th. grade.
Miss Mai Allen, 6th. grade.
Miss Bobbie Suttle, 5th. grade.
Miss Ella Kitching, 4th. grade.
Miss Mattie Houston, 3rd. grade.
Miss Josie Parker, 2nd. grade.
Miss Maggie Leddy, 1st. grade.

Miss Josie Parker was elected to take the place of her sister, Miss Bettie Lee. Parker who declined to apply for re-election.

The election of supernumeraries was postponed.

In the colored school, P. J. Douglas, was elected principal and Lillie Doty, teacher.

All the teachers who will compose the faculty as above named are well known and highly respected here exeept Prof. Ryan, of Waxahachie, who comes to us highly recommended and with an enviable reputation as an educator and disciplinarian, and though our people will regret very much to give up the two gentlemen of the present faculty, who have served our city so ably and faithfully in the past, it is hoped and believed that their efficient successors will uphold their peerless record in the future.

RELIGIOUS.

Father Harrington of Dallas will conduct religious services at the Catholic church in McKinney Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

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The Juniors, Intermediates and C. E's of the Christian church will hold a union service at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Besides a program, Eld. Tyler will deliver a short address to the young.

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Dr. Tylers subject tonight will be "The Church: It's Nature and Mission." Tomorrow night: "Jesus and Nicodemas." Bible study tomorrow afternoon: "Jesus and the money question." The interest is increasing and much good is being done.

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The Ewporth Leaguers held their monthly business meeting at Methodist church Monday night. Mrs. J. L. Todd and Miss Joe B Davis were elected delegates to the North Texas conference at Paris which meets next month.

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The meeting at the Christian church continues with unceasing interest. There was a baptism last night. Dr. Tyler's presentation of his subjects is characterized by great simplicity, earnestness and force. He makes the word of God its own interpreter, comparing scripture with scripture. His subject last night was, "A Model Case of Conversion." Bible subject this afternoon, "Prayer in the Life of Paul."

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The fifth Sunday meeting of the Christian churches of Collin county will convene with the church at Lebanon on Friday night May 27th and continue over Sunday night. The church at Lebanon, cordially invites all brethren and friends from the county to attend and will entertain all who come. An interesting program will be carried out and as we believe a very profitable time spent together.

R. C. HORN, Evangelist.
May 18th, 1898.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

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TUESDAY MAY 17.

The McKinney Bottling Works has a bran new delivery wagon on the street today which "looms up" both in size and style.

Drivers and Saddlers For Sale.

W. G. Thomas has brought in a fine lot of drivers and saddle horses, which he will prepare for market at an early date. See him if in need of either, as he can please you both as to animals and prices.

The McKinney Fire Department held its regular monthly meeting at the city hall last night.

All the standad brands of fine wines, whiskies and liquors at Doc Turner's Saloon, next door to Smith Bros.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

Mrs. Maydwel went to Sulphur Springs this morning for a two weeks visit.

Go to Goosetree & Houston's for spring groceries—they have them.

Sweet oil and vinegar make a good furniture polish: we can furnish sweet oil. Smith Bros.

The Bloomdale Dramatic Club will entertain the public Friday night, May 20, at Bloomdale with a drama, entitled, "Down In Dixie." Prof. Wanek and others will furnish music for the occasion. Miss Lindsey has been requested to complete the program with some of her inimitable selections. Everybody invited. Admission free.

The drugs in Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla are so concentrated that the dose is very small, but nevertheless, it is so scientifically combined that it is readily retained and assimilated by the most delicate and sensitive stomach. Fifty cents and 50 doses.

Fine Wines for family use at Doc Turner's

The following pupils of the city school received honor grades last week. Cordie Largent 99.4, Iva Graves 99.4, Willie Stiff 99.4, Vernie Yarbrough 99.4, Nannie Moore 99.1.

Eat Goosetree & Houston's provisions. They are first-class and as cheap as the lower grades.

Dr. H. L. Pearson has gone to Chicago to take a post graduate course in dentistry; will be back June 1. Any information 'phone No. 26. Miss Pearl Thornton will be at the office from 2 to 3 o'clock each day.

Mrs. W. B. Kindell is a sufferer from a severe attack of erysipelas.

Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

The celebrated Old Crow, the O. F. C. and W. M. McBrayer brands of whisky's, at Doc Turner's, east side square next door to Smith Bros.

It makes no difference whether you do or not the Nickle Store is anxious for your trade.

Spalding base balls from 10c to $1.25 at Smith Bros., east side.

Upon receipt of the boxes by the young men in Camp Mabry, that were prepared by tender hands prompted by loving and patriotic hearts; they will be impressed as never before, of the high estimation in which true patriotism is held by all true American citizens, most especially by those who know them best here where they grew up into young and vigorous manhood.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only postive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood nnd mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doeing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The rich and the poor, the high and the low all trade at the Nickle Store.

Goostree & Houston are among the largest grocery firms in North Texas.

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If in your good paper
We can have a little space,
We will write a little; but
We hope not out of place.

Come see us, good people,
When troubled with your hair,
We trim it up to please you;
Long, short, round or square.

Come try our choicest sea foam,
And finest dry shampoo;
We use the finest razors
And the sweetest lathers too.

In everything pertaining
To the barbers line
We are up to date,
And simply superfine.

And though we are so clever,
Our charges are so small,
As those of other artists
Who take the skin and all.

—Ed & Will at the Foote House Barber Shop, McKinney, Texas.

A Steady and Substantial Growth

Of business is what we are Building on.

Our trade is growing greatly and we desire to thank the trade for this, and shall always be ready with the best goods possible to meet their claims. We know we are keeping what the people need and our stock of

Springs Goods.

Is up to the standard. Our prices are the lowest compared with quality and values.

We do not handle cheap goods, but good goods,

Which satisfies the trade. Volume of trade is what we want, not big profits, and if you will stop to think you can

See the Advantage

To you in buying goods from merchants who do a good business. If we can do a hundred thousand dollar business with the same expense it requires to do fifty thousand, is it not reasonable that we can sell you goods much cheaper?

That's What We are driving at and that's what we are going to do.

We hope to be a fixture in the Dry Goods business, in fact we consider ourselves such. We cannot give goods away, you do not expect it, but we are able to sell you goods as cheap as any house in North Texas; this we do guarantee to do.

You can Depend on it,

And trust we can add you to our list of customers. We shall do our best to interest you and keep your aid.

Yours truly,

McDowell & White.

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OATH THEY TAKE.

The Obligation of United States Soldiers and Sailors Upon Entrance Into Active Service.

In view of the fact that many of our McKinney boys have offered their services to their national government in its hour of need and recently been sworn into active armed service of our country we give the following oath they took when mustered in, believing it will be of interest to those left behind:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the United States, or the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules and articles of war."

SOLDIERS' SALARIES

Dispensed By Uncle Sam To His Brave Sons In His Actual Armed Service.

Uncle Sam has always been accused of being parsimonious in dealing with his soldiers, and while there is nothing in the way of a private to tempt any one to throw up a good job, yet the commissioned officers are pretty well paid, except for the time they ar actually being shot at. In time of war all persons connected with the army have their salaries increased 20 per cent, and hence in the figures given the increase has been added. Following are the annual salaries of the commissioned officers:

Major general	$9,575
Brigadier general	6,875
Colonel	4,375
Lieutenant colonel	3,750
Major	3,125
Captain, mounted	2,500
Captain, not mounted	2,250
Regimental adjutant	2,250
Regimental quartermaster	2,250
First lieutenant, mounted	2,000
First lieutenant not mounted	1,875
Second lieutenant, mounted	1,875
Second lieutenant, not mounted	1,750
Regimental chaplain	1,875
Regimental surgeon	3,125
Assistant surgeon	2,000

A private soldier receives $15.-50 a month; ordance sergeants, $42.50; hospital stewards, $56.25, and aiding hospital stewards, $31.-25.

Spanish Spy Suicides

Washington, May 13.—George Downing, the Spanish spy arrested here several days ago, committed suicide by hanging himself at the barracks, where he was confined.

WOMAN'S WORK.

An apt old adage declares that woman's work is never done. This is true of the housewife's manifold duties and approximately true of the thousands who work all day in factories and stores and half the night in making and mending their own clothes or sewing for others to patch out a meagre income. Women who are too much on their feet, or who are unable to stand the strain of over-work and worry, are peculiarly susceptible to the weaknesses and irregularities that are the bane of womankind. The symptoms of such derangements are insufficient or excessive menstruation, headache, backache, neuralgia, leucorrhœa, displacements and extreme nervousness amounting in many cases to hysteria. The use of morphine is dangerous and examinations by male physicians are painful and unpleasant.

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FROM A. H. McCARTY.

Characteristic of That Gentleman he Writes Ably, Patriotically and Fearlessly--Against Bon i Issues.

MR. E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:

I have applied myself so closely to business since I have been here that I haven't found time to write to any of my old friends in Collin. It may be that some may think that I am not as warm in the cause of reform as I used to be, but such is not the case. There never was a time when I believed more firmly in the cause we fought for in '96 than I do now, and I am anxious to see the Populists of Texas thoroughly organized for the battle at the polls this year. The present attempt, which will, no doubt be successful to fasten $500,000,000 of bonds upon the people in an outrage. There are few men who take greater interest in the affairs of the country during the present war than I do. Nothing would please me more than to be able to go to the front. War I think should be eliminated by civilization, but wrong as I believe all wars are, still it has a charm for me. I believe it is the duty of Congress to provide the funds necessary to prosecute the war to a successful termination. But why in the name of Heaven should we of this age declare war and then say that future generations must pay for it? If this war is anybody's war it is our war, and being ours we should pay for it. Posterity will probably have some little episodes of its own to settle for without any such legacy from us. There are several ways the government can raise the necessary funds without creating an interest bearing debt. First and best by the issue of legal tender notes which have exactly the same basis as the proposed bonds viz., the integrity of the government. If this could not be agreed on then as a second measure I would advocate the opening of Savings banks at every Money Order post-office. The government to issue certificates of deposit for every dollar deposited these certificates to be made payable to bearer say one, two or three years after their issue. It might be necessary to pay a small interest on these deposits to induce the people to exchange their money for them. Such certificates would readily enter into the commerce of the country for being payable to bearer they would be accepted as legal tender in all ordinary transactions, if interest must be paid (which I deny) it is better that it should be widely distributed. The pernicious system of the government paying interest for money it gets while not getting interest on the part it returns—as in the national banking system—should be abolished at once.

The government has so arranged things that it is only really profitable for those connected with banking institutions to buy bonds.

A national bank can take $100,-000 of the money of its depositors and invest it in government bonds the government will then take the bonds as security and issue the bank $90,000 in legal tender notes, but still continue to pay the bank interest on the whole $100,000 thus the bank has only $10,000 actually invested on which at the usual rate of 4 per cent they realize 40 per cent per annum on their investment.

Can any man prosper and borrow money at 40 per cent?

Can any people prosper and permit their government to pay that rate for borrowed money?

This has been the policy of the government under republican administration. And this has been the policy under democratic administration. The only difference between them is, the republicans eat you with protection sauce and the democrats eat you with tariff reform (humbug) sauce (or "cat apple" sauce.)

Both look on the people about as a farmer does his hogs, they are a good thing to satisfy their appetites the question that most interests them is, which will do do the eating.

I am proud still to be a high private in the ranks of the People's party and shall remain true to it so long as it remains true to its principles.

Kindly remember me to my many friends.

Yours Sincerely,
A. H. McCARTY.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 7, 1898.

Mark Hanna is like the boy the calf ran over—he hasn't a word to say.

CAMP MABRY.

Austin, Tex., May 15.—Lieut. Fenton of the fifth United States cavalry, acting brigade quartermaster at Camp Mabry, was wired today from the war department at Washington that two days traveling rations had been shipped from St. Louis for two Texas regiments, one to go to San Antonio and the other to go to Washington, D. C., the latter to receive four days rations.

Camp Mabry, May 15.—Troops are mustered in as follows to date: First regiment of infantry 1001. Second regiment 1002. Third regiment 986. Cavalry 1004. The latter is being mounted as fast as suitable horses can be procured. The government appears to be as particular in the selection of it's horses and mules, as it is of men, to render army service.

Melissa Missives.

Miss Willie May Scott is attending school in McKinney.

Mesdames Miller and Langford are numbered among the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Anna, were visiting in the city Thursday.

Miss Mary Graves spent the day with Miss Jesse Bateman Thursday.

Mr. Manley Beard came home Thursday to attend the picnic Friday which proved a success.

Miss Laura Bryant, of Bowlby, is visiting Mrs. Will Griffin.

Miss Jennie Lindsey is visiting relatives in McKinney.

Miss Emma Springfield is slowly recovering from a week's illness.

Quite a number of Melissa young folks attended a social at Mr. Bateman's Thursday night, given in honor of Mr. Manley Beard. All reported a delightful time.

Mrs. Lonnie Martin is visiting her mother this week.

Miss Alice Douglas spent Monday and Tuesday with Myrtie Largent of McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Osburn left Sunday for Bonham where they will spend several weeks with their son, Sam Osburn.

Messrs. Jack Shirley and Fate King attended church in McKinney Sunday morning.

Miss Crim of Dallas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. O. Scott.

Mr. Carson Osburn and Misses Maggie King and Laura Wright went to McKinney Thursday night and heard an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. Tyler.

The Result In Grayson.

Sherman, Tex., May 15.—Returns from nearly all the election districts are in and the nomination of the following county officers is assured:

For representatives, C. H. Smith of Sherman, Tom Wells of Bells and S. P. Evans of Van Alstyne renominated; for county judge, J. D. Woods of Sherman; for county clerk, L. M. Tuck renominated; for district clerk, W. P. Head renominated; for county attorney, Silas Hare, Jr., renominated; for tax collector, W. P. Strickland of Collinsville; for tax assessor, Barlow Roberts renominated; for county surveyor, J. E. Kerr renominated; for county treasurer, R. V. Baxter of Sherman, for county school superintendent, J. B. King renominated; for sheriff, A. D. Shrewsbury of Sherman; for public weigher, F. D. Hogan renominated; for commissioner, precinct No. 1, J. M. Weems of Farmington; for constable, for No. 1, A. M. Davidson renominated; for justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, C. B. Sale and C. J. Hinkle renominated.

Successful state officers so far as heard from are: Governor, Wynne; senator, Culberson; lieutenant governor, Gough; land commissioner, G. W. Smith, comptroller, Finley; attorney general, T. S. Smith; superintendent of instruction, Kendall; supreme judge, Brown; judge criminal appeals, Bliss; railroad commissioner, Mayfield; chief justice civil appeals, Finley; associate justice civil appeals, Brookout; congress, Bailey; state treasurer, Mills; state senator, Potter.

At Camp Mabry.

T. T. Emerson Returns and Tells of the Disposition of McKinney Boys—Mails anxiously waited for.

After every mail train from the south passes through our city since our thirty soldiers left for Austin, the postoffice is eagerly watched for communications from the boys, but so far the boys have shown very little inclination to inform the home-folks concerning their movements.

Mr. T. T. Emerson returned home from Austin Saturday where he spent a day with the boys at their quarters at Camp Mabry. He has been kept busy since his return answering questions propounded by the many friends of the boys and says that the boys are moderately well pleased with their surroundings and are anxious to sail for the Philippines at once though they have no orders to move yet.

Eighteen of the boys are in Co. E, 1st. regiment, Kennedy rifles, with McCarty Moore as sargeant. Those of the boys who failed to be enlisted are still at the camp enjoying themselves, as they can get transportation home, whenever they desire to return. They have no uniforms as yet and no feather beds or other superfluous luxuries worth mentioning, but are all in good spirits, and Mr. Emerson says that despite all sorts of inducements that have been offered them to join other companies they are determined to stay together.

A letter received Saturday by W. A. Rhea, from Dudley Perkins, states that he is ranking second-sargeant in the Trezevant rifles of the second regiment, the company to which Jim Thomas and Press Duncan belong. He says orders to move are expected daily, but none have been received.

Homer Harris writes that he is in Co. E. 1st regiment, Kennedy Rifles.

The Kennedy Rifles to which the greater number of our boys belong hails from Corpus Christie and is composed of some of the best young men of south Texas.

We have eighteen men in the Kennedy Rifles Co. E. 1st regiment, Eleven in Lyons Infantry of Sherman and three in the Trezevant Rifles of Dallas.

May Queen.

Waco, Tex., May 12.—The closing events tonight were the crowning of the floral queen and the firemen's races. Miss Alma Shephard, who had previously been elected industrial queen, received the award as queen of flowers and was crowned by the king of the carnival. The judges in the floral queen contest were Geo. Clark, E. M. Gardner and John H. Finks.

Wetsel Windings.

May 16, '98.

L. McMahan, Dirett Nunn and Chda McMahan spent Saturday and Sunday in Denton county fishing and hunting and report wheat and corn fine, but no cotton and grapes this year but they had plenty of fun killing jack rabbits and birds.

The literary at Wetsel was very well attended last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink King were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Part Sunday.

Mrs. Epps and Mrs. Wesley Perkins were the guests of Mrs. Joe McMahan one day last week.

Mr. Miller of Wetsel was around one day last week enlisting the school roll.

Cotton chopping has now begun in this community.

Prof. W. L. Yarbrough of McKinney was in Wetsel community one day last week.

JIM CROW.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Proceedings of Regular May Term Concluded Saturday May 14 1898.

The county commissioners court was in session last week and adjourned the regular term Saturday evening having finished its business. Following are some of its orders made:

Part of school district no. 88 be detached and attached to district no. 25.

W. E. Hunter allowed $248 for boarding county hands.

Boundary line between McDonald school district no 90 and Enloe district no. 110 readjusted.

Upon prayer of J. T. Dugger and 79 others, school district no. 14 was divided and Princeton school district no. 151 created. W. A. Harroldson, J. F. Smith and John Flannagan were appointed to hold election ordered for trustees.

Trustees election ordered for all school districts excepts district no. 90 for which J. W. Hill, Dick Howell and J. L. Tallant are appointed trustees.

School district no 152 created out of clear Lake and Backbone

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Weston Populists.

Weston, May 11. '98.

The Populist voters of the Weston voting box are hereby called to meet at Cottage Hill Saturday May 21st, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which meets at Farmersville Saturday May 28th. Also to elect a precinct chairman and to attend to such other business as may come up. Meeting at 2 p. m. J. F. WESTER, Chair.

From Northwest Texas.

Arlie, Tex., May 4, '98.

ED. DEMOCRAT:

Pursuant to promise, I'll jot you a few items concerning this pandhandle country. We arrived here the 7th, ult. The big rains that fell the last days of March had not extended this far westward, although there had been a very good rain about the first of the month.

The cold snap did not do the damage here that it did further east, the season being, at least, two weeks later here than in Collin, consequently the farmers did not have to replant their corn, gardens, etc., and there will be some fruit.

Having been absent from this part of the country for seven years the improvements noted seem great. The towns along the route, Wichita Falls, Verona, Quanah and the numerous smaller towns, have made greater improvements in the last seven years than similar sized towns in Denton and Collin have in the last fifteen years. From that fact alone it would seem this country in prospering.

The crops all through the panhandle and Greer county I. T., were immense last year. Cotton being the main new crop that made surprising yields. The yield being from one-half to a bale per acre. Several in this vicinity claim they made a bale to the acre. Corn also was good.

A much needed rain began falling Monday evening and now old mother earth has been moistened sufficiently for this time, the soil being wet six to eight inches deep. All kind of crops were needing rain badly; wheat and oats especially.

The cattle industry is, the main one out here; and men here comparatively poor ten years ago are now comparatively wealthy since the new land law went into operation, the school land has been all gobbled up, and most of the railroad land is leased, in this (Childress) and adjoining counties.

The settlers mostly have built good houses, fenced their land and are here to stay.

The war talk causes some excitement but politics are not "in it." JONADAB.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. H. O. White of Wylie occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Dr. P. E. King, who is expected home Friday.

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Rev. G. S. Daugherty pastor of Baptist church at Farmersvile has resigned. His position will be filled by Rev. T. L. Fulbright of New Boston.

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All who attended services at the Christian church Sunday morning must have been impressed with the beautiful presentation of the gospel truths, as preached by Rev. Dr. Tyler from the text, "Faith, Hope, Charity and Love is the greatest of them all." He is evidently a theologian of great power; so ornate, rich and flowery, yet plain and lucid, as to show his hearers a foretaste of that heavenly manna, which comes from a spirit of brotherly love. He plainly demonstrated to all, the necessity of faith in all the walks of life; that India and China were still held down in chains by heathen mythology taught by Confucius and Mahomet, "That faith and Hope were two of the most essential graces, yet not equal to love. Man might possess a palace, yet if love was absent, it was a veritable hell. With a clear perspicuity he lifted the veil of obscurity, which showed when love was wanting in a church or community, strife contention and evil would prevail. His closing peroration was made with a burning, fervid zeal in our Lord and master's service in a desire to rivet upon the hearts of his hearer's the vital importance of loving one another. The music was inspiring, as its sweet intonation vibrated through the isles and coruscated ceiling of the very beautiful church edifice. Dr. Tyler will continue the meeting throughout the week.

Rest.

When shall we rest?

1. As near as may be, one day out of seven.

2. An annual vacation, with complete change of climate and scene, from ten to thirty days.

3. Always when weary, unless we happen to be "born tired."

Where shall we rest?

1. In a comfortable bed on a firm hair mattress, at least eight hours out the twenty-four.

2. In our library reading good books one or two hours a day; in places indoors and out taking a reasonable amount of exercise (unless our regular work be muscular) preferably walking in park or field, or on the back of a horse, remembering that a most excellent thing for the inside of a man, woman or child is the outside of a horse.

3. Complete change of climate, scene, environment, companionship at least once a year. On general principles the one living on the cost should go to the mountains and vice versa.

For tired, worn-out nerves a sea voyage is best, the rarefied air of the mountains being too stimulating.

The one who most appreciates the thought that the best tonic is hard work and the best life preserver is a quiet and contented mind, devoid of envy, sympathetic and kind, unacquainted with unrest, will live longest this side the beautiful hills of eternity, his final place of rest.—DR. I. N. LOVE, in Medical Mirror.

The newspaper statements are borne out by our fire lads, just returned from the State Firemen's convention at Waco that this eclipsed all former sessions in every respect. This city was honored with a state official and Paris gets the next meeting. In the election of officers there were a few close contests for the honors. Pit S. Turner, of Belton, was elected president. Lee J. Roundtree, of Taylor, William Abernathy, of McKinney, C. M. Bailey, Gainesville and C. R. Ferguson, of Weatherford, first, second, third and fourth vice-presidents, in the order named; James L. Storey, of Lockhart, treasurer; J. T. Ellis, of Dallas, recording secretary; J. O. Hammett, of Mexia, corresponding secretary. A. M. Prescott, of Waco, delegate to the National Firemen's association; Carl F. Drake, of Austin, alternate.

The Signal will not be issued this week on account of the new proprietor, J. L. Harper and his assistant, Jim Roark moving their families here. The paper will appear next week.—Pilot Point Post-Mirror.

Prohibitions carried Silverton, Texas in a recent election.

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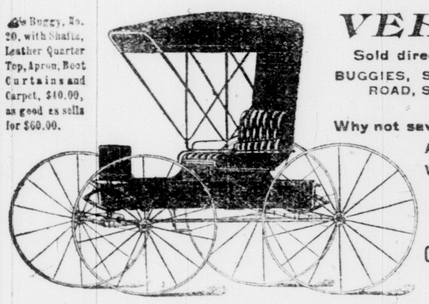

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